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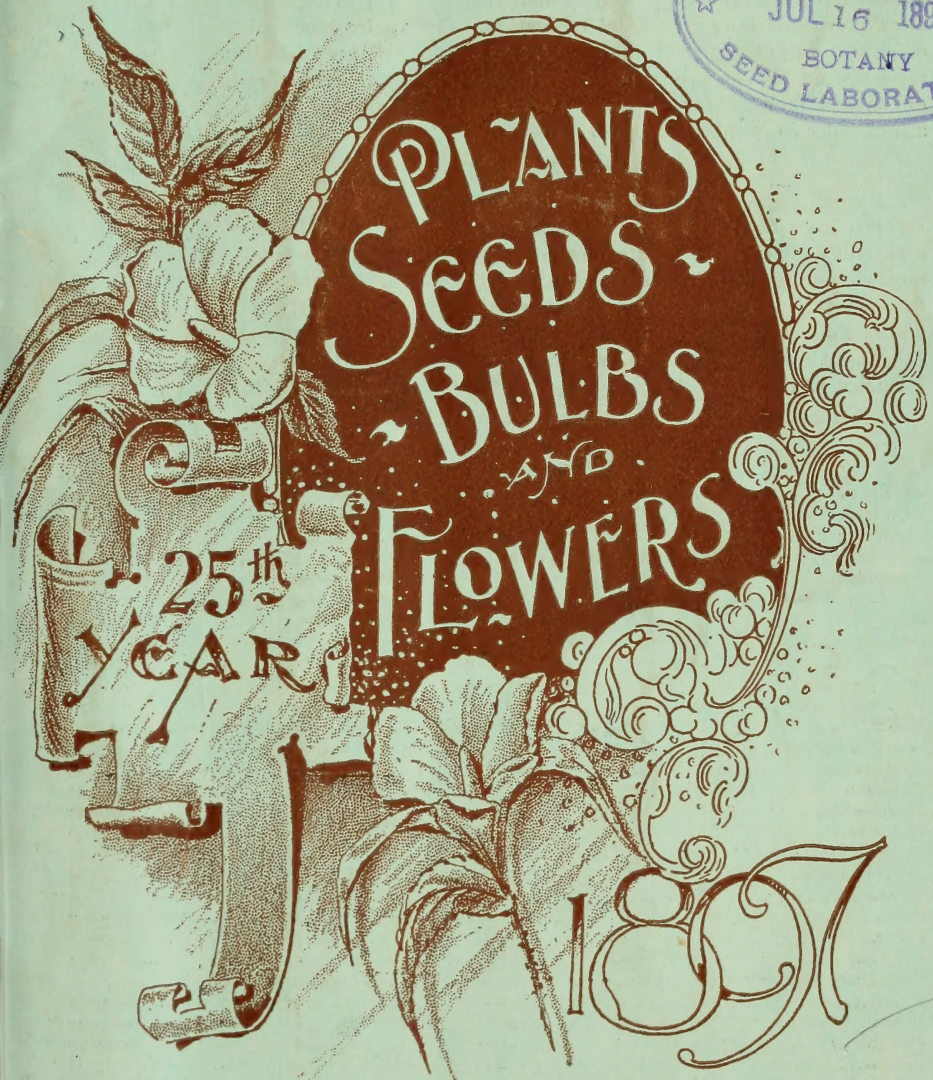

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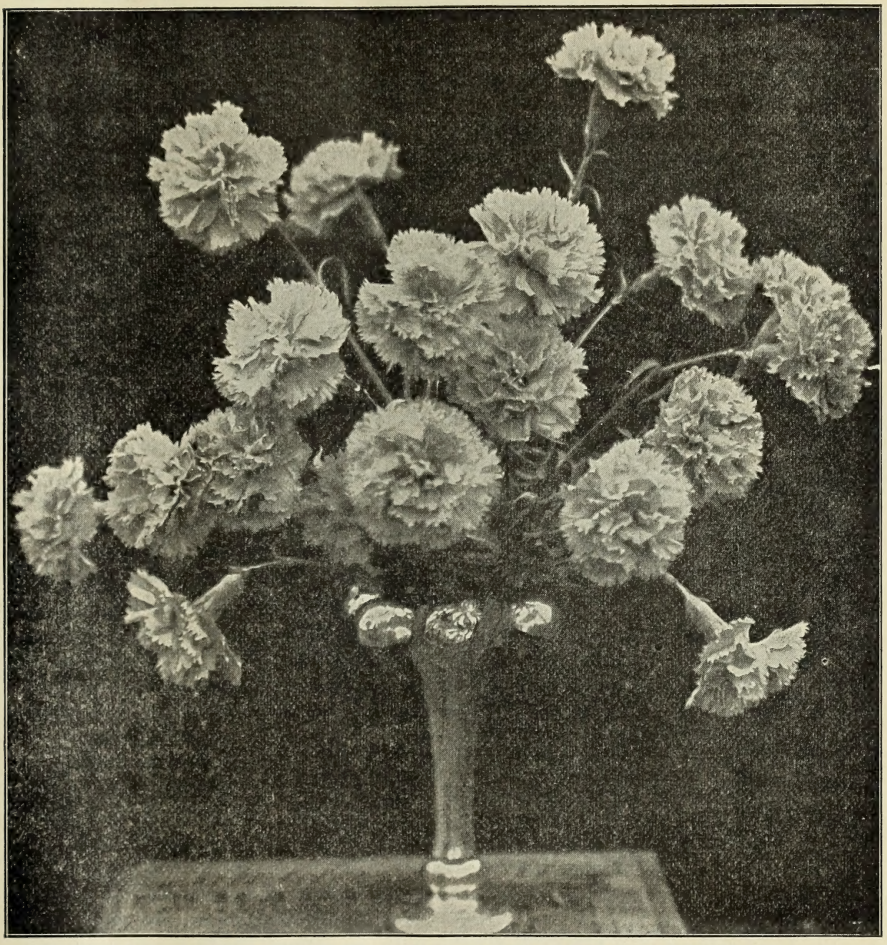
These wonderful Hybrid Wichuraiana Roses are the production of Mr. Manda, and are among the best novelties of the year. See full description, page 34.

CARNATIONS.

Flora Hill (new). The grandest white variety to date, and destined to be found in every collection, because of its easy management. The flower is of enormous size, and rounded built; wonderfully free in bloom, stems strong enough to support the blooms nicely; good calyx; not subject to rust. Without exaggeration we can claim this as the most prolific bloomer in the Carnation family. All Carnation lovers every where must give this wonderful variety a trial; fine for pots, and a money getter for the grower of cut flowers; the latest and best white. (See cut.) Price 30 cts.

Mrs. McBurney. Another enormous flowered variety, of clear salmon; bloom Camellia-shaped; petals thick and wax-like; color clear salmon; very strong calyx, stem perfectly erect. We have never seen a spot of rust on it. Free in bloom, and one of the most distinct; a queen among pink Carnations; perfection in form; large size; heavy waxy petals. A prize for both amateur and grower. Price 30 cts.

Della Fox (new). A great improvement on "Daybreak." Flowers larger, similar in color, but much more brilliant, and greatly to be preferred to that famous sort. It has taken more prizes at flower shows than any other new variety ever introduced. Fine for amateurs, and valuable for cut flowers. Price 15 cts.



Triumph. Pure deep pink; strong, vigorous, healthy grower, producing large blooms two and one-half to three and one-half inches on heavy stiff stems. Splendid calyx, very full flower of fine form. Deliciously fragrant and a splendid keeper; very healthy plant; prolific bloomer and responds to ordinary culture. We have cut the largest blooms from this sort that we have ever grown. (See cut). Price 15 cts.

Purple King. A bright clear shade of purple, a novelty in color, very taking and entirely distinct from the purple maroons and so-called purples. The flowers are very large. Growth of plant vigorous. It is quick to come in bloom and extremely prolific throughout the season. Its odd coloring will make it very desirable in any collection. Price 15 cts.

Jubilee (new). The red Carnation for which everybody has been looking. Color intense scarlet, of the richest shade. One of the largest flowers among reds. Stems slender, but very stiff; averages eighteen inches in height. Calyx very strong, never

bursts; flower quite full and well built. A persistent bloomer, and very free. Grass stiff and compact; flowers keep a long time. It took first premium over all reds at the national Carnation show held in Indianapolis, 1894, also again in Boston, 1895, and at other shows where exhibited. Price 15 cts.

Eldorado (new). A yellow of free blooming habit and the other necessary qualities of a good Carnation has long been a desideratum. In "Eldorado" we have a strong vigorous plant, healthy foliage, and finely formed flowers. Light yellow, or perhaps, nearer a buff, and free from all white markings. Petals edged with a narrow band of light pink, being almost a picotee in marking. The flowers look yellow by artificial light and not white as many yellows do. Price 10 cts.

Abundance. A unique pink Carnation. We do not believe that any other variety extant will produce as many blooms; it is continuous throughout the year, with a profusion to each plant; it is a dwarf grower. Color dark pink, approaching red. Perfectly clean and healthy, and with strong calyx. We believe that this variety will become a necessity to every Carnation grower, with its extraordinary profusion of bloom, and its very high color, together with all its other good points. Price 15 cts.

Ivory (new). Plant of very vigorous growth. Flowers of fine form and substance, and the purest white of any kind we have grown. Price 15 cts.

Tidal Wave. Flowers very large and very perfect in form; color bright rosy pink, changing to a beautiful soft pink with salmon shading, when flowers are fully expanded. A very healthy grower, and remarkably free bloomer. Plant dwarf, growing about fourteen inches high. Price 10 cts.

William Scott (new). Clear pink, early and free; the blooms are perfect and good size. A great improvement over all the bright pink sorts; a continuous bloomer. Sure to please. A great market sort. Price 10 cts.

Jacqueminot. The best crimson Carnation ever introduced. It has been tested three years, and still retains its vigorous constitution and grand qualities. Its color is a solid brilliant crimson (lacking any trace of black), blooms large and full, petals of great substance. Price 10 cts.

Lizzie McGowen. Its habit of growth is all that can be desired, being very vigorous and healthy, and yet compact and neat. The flowers are pure white, with serrated petals, and of good substance, keeping from ten to fifteen days after cutting. It is borne on long stiff stems; does not burst. Price 10 cts.

Daybreak. It is of the most perfect habit, flowers of the largest size, very double and full in the center, the center petals are slightly raised; the petals are thick and of heavy texture, and the flowers keep perfect a long time after cutting. In color it is a beautiful and delicate pure bright flesh color with no salmon shading, and is entirely distinct from any other variety now in cultivation. Finest as a winter bloomer; also, the best of all Carnations for bedding and summer bloom. Price 10 cts.

Annie Webb. Fine dark crimson; grown largely by florists for cut flowers, and considered one of the best. Price 10 cts.

Florence. One of the strongest growers we offer, and wonderfully productive; flowers large, of good shape, color a soft clear scarlet; a good sort. Price 10 cts.

The rich, spicy odor of the Carnation, combined with its varied colors, handsome form, leaves but little to be desired. They are very easily grown, and bloom freely as bedding plants in summer, or window garden in winter. Planted out in April they will commence flowering in early summer, and continue until checked by heavy frosts in autumn. If intended for winter flowers they should be gone over every three weeks, and the young growth cut back to within four or five inches of the main stem. After August 1st they should be allowed to grow and bud, as by September 15th they

should be taken up and potted. Carnations are a specialty with us, and we very much doubt if our customers can find as select a list published in any florist's catalogue in the United States. Only the very best are allowed in our collection.

HYDRANGEA.

Monstrosa (Improved "Otaksa"). One of the most valuable new plants that has been introduced in years, and can not fail to become very popular as a decorative plant. The trusses of flowers are of enormous size even on the very small plants. Color, intense deep rose. Plant a strong free grower and remarkably free in bloom. A valuable addition to our list of plants for decoration. It makes an elegant specimen plant for the porch or lawn, being a mass of bloom the whole season. With its clear solid pink color and immense blooms, this variety easily stands as the grandest of all Hydrangeas. (See cut.)

Price, small plants, 20 cts.; larger, 50 cts.

FERNS.

The popularity and demand for fine Ferns has increased wonderfully in past few years, and they are now indispensable, their diversity and gracefulness of foliage make them peculiarly fitted to combine with other plants and flowers; also, extra nice in ferneries and for table decoration. They delight in light sandy loom mixed with leaf mould, and with good drainage, for while they thrive in a moist soil, stagnant or sour earth is fatal to success. We have endeavored to grow in the greatest variety of foliage, the best sorts for the amateur, also, unequalled for the florist. The small plants can go by mail, but larger sizes should be ordered sent by express.

Nephrolepis Cordata Compacta (new Sword Fern). In our estimation this variety is the finest of all the Sword Ferns; it is of free, strong growing compact

habit, attaining when fully grown a height of about two feet. The fronds which are of a dark green color, very rich, of upright growth, with just sufficient arch in them to make them graceful. As a Fern for house culture or for window gardening, we do not know of any other variety that would give the same satisfaction and which we could recommend so highly. A beauty, it cannot be to highly praised.

Price, fine strong plants from 4-inch pots, 50 cts.

Boston Sword Fern (Nephrolepis Exaltata Bostoniensis). A variation from the ordinary Sword Fern, which originated in the vicinity of Boston, where it has been in popular favor for a number of years under the name of Boston Fern. In the vicinity of Boston, no other plant, is used so extensively as this graceful Nephrolepis, which differs from the ordinary Fern in having much longer fronds, which frequently attain a length of four feet. These fronds arch and droop over very gracefully, on account of which it is frequently called the Fountain Fern. This drooping habit makes it an excellent plant to grow as a single specimen on a table or pedestal. As we offered this Fern in our catalogue one year ago, we pride ourselves in being the first to offer this grand Fern to retail catalogue trade of this country. (See cut.)

Price 20 cts., 50 cts.; fine specimens, $1.00.

Pteris Victoria. A most remarkable and beautifully variegated Pteris, and undoubtedly one of the most striking and desirable Ferns of recent introduction. The foliage is neatly divided, the sterile fronds being much wider than the fertile ones, thus giving the plant a most chaste and lovely appearance. The fronds are of a rich green color, with beautiful silvery white variegation. Price 20 cts.

Emiliana (Selaginella). A most beautiful and distinct new species of bold but very graceful habit, growing from five to eight inches high and of the most delicate formation. Excellent as a pot plant, also, very nice for Fern cases. We place this in our list of Ferns as its treatment is similar. Price 15 cts.

Polystichum Coreaceum. A low growing sort, forming a dense mass of light green foliage; extra good for Fern pans and Fern cases. The fronds of this sort have wonderful keeping qualities when cut, lasting in vases of water when well cared for, from six to ten weeks. Easily grown. Price 15 cts.

Pteris Tremula (or Shaking Fern). One of the finest Ferns for house decoration, growing very rapidly and throwing up large handsome fronds. It makes magnificent specimens. Easily grown and very popular. One of the best Ferns grown. (See cut). Price 15 cts.

Adiantum Cuneatum. The most popular of all the "Maiden Hair" varieties. Fronds very delicate and graceful; a distinct and lovely variety. Price 15 cts.

Polystichum Proliferum. Finest of all Ferns for house culture; very strong grower: long, graceful fronds, keeping a long time when cut and used with cut flowers. If grown in a partially shaded place, this will be found one of the most pleasing of house plants. Price 15 cts.

Pteris Serrulata Cristata. A very fine growing house Fern. The long fingered fronds soon making a beautiful ruffled crested growth, one of the most graceful and ornamental varieties in our list. Price 15 cts.

Cyrtomium Falcatum. Quite a new Fern from Japan, of low ornamental growth, fronds of great substance, thick and leathery, keeping well on plant or when cut. This variety is now very popular and in great demand at Christmas in sections of country where known, it being called the Holly Fern, from resemblance of foliage on mature fronds to that of Holly. Price 15 cts.; specimens, 40 cts.

Polypodium Aureum. A grand large growing sort, making a fine specimen in short time. Very noticeable on account of foliage which is very large and of a distinct bluish color. Price 15 cts.; larger 35 cts.

Dicksonia Antarctica. Royal and majestic; perhaps the most generally admired of all Tree Ferns. The tall straight column of the trunk has an unusually rich, luxuriant crown of delicately cut but firm textured fronds. For unique decorative effects, the Tree Ferns are unsurpassed. Being rare and not in common use, they attract attention. We offer nice thrifty plants in one size only. Price 25 cts.

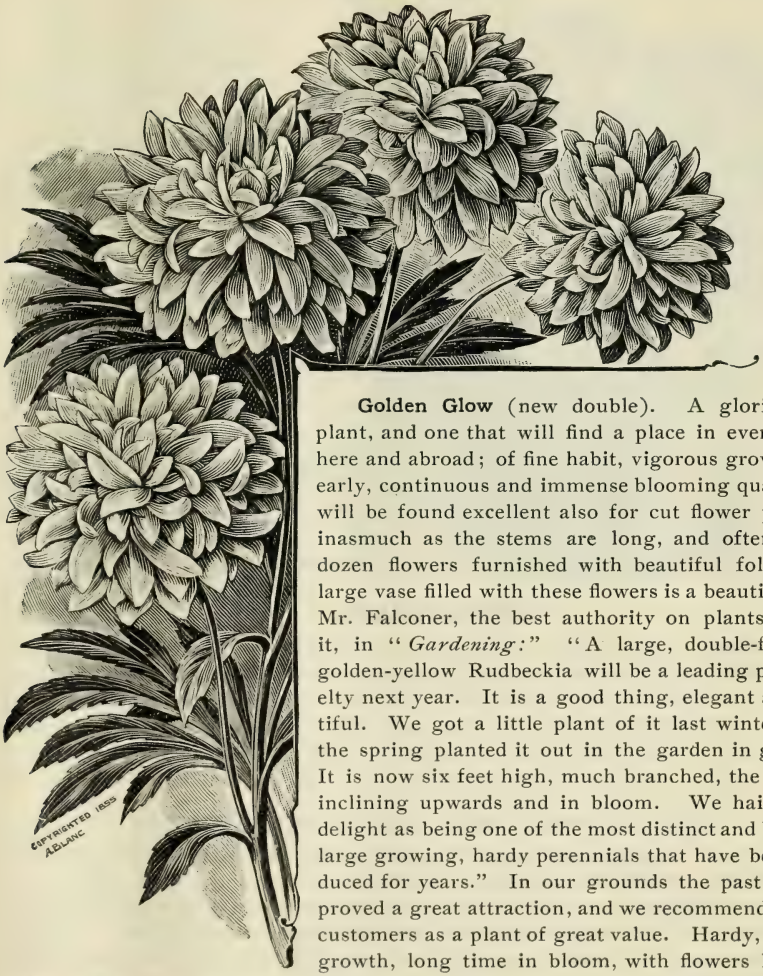
ASPARAGUS.

Asparagus Sprengeri. A most desirable new species, especially useful to grow as a pot plant for decorative purposes or for planting in suspended baskets; the fronds are long trailing, and of a rich shade of green, most useful for cutting, retaining their freshness after being cut for weeks. It will make an excellent house plant, as it withstands dry atmosphere and will succeed in almost any position. No introduction of recent years has made such a favorable impression upon us as this Asparagus. (See cut). Price 25 cts.

JUSTICIA.

Velutina. This new dwarf Justicia is really a much finer and dwarfer plant than our engraving suggests. It begins to bloom when the plant has only three or four leaves, and is never out of flower afterward. If pinched back occasionally it makes a very dwarf, stocky plant, frequently covered with twenty to fifty large pink flower-heads, lasting a long time. The foliage is also more persistent and highly ornamental, being heavy in texture and very velvety. (See cut.) Price 20 cts.

RUDBECKIA.



Golden Glow (new double). A glorious new plant, and one that will find a place in every garden here and abroad; of fine habit, vigorous growth, with early, continuous and immense blooming qualities; it will be found excellent also for cut flower purposes, inasmuch as the stems are long, and often carry a dozen flowers furnished with beautiful foliage. A large vase filled with these flowers is a beautiful sight. Mr. Falconer, the best authority on plants, says of it, in "*Gardening:*" "A large, double-flowering, golden-yellow Rudbeckia will be a leading plant novelty next year. It is a good thing, elegant and beautiful. We got a little plant of it last winter, and in the spring planted it out in the garden in good soil. It is now six feet high, much branched, the branches inclining upwards and in bloom. We hail it with delight as being one of the most distinct and beautiful, large growing, hardy perennials that have been introduced for years." In our grounds the past season it proved a great attraction, and we recommend it to our customers as a plant of great value. Hardy, of strong growth, long time in bloom, with flowers like large golden balls. We pronounce it one of the most satisfactory plants we have ever helped to introduce. Price, nice plants, 15 cts.; extra strong, 30 cts.

HELIOTROPE.

Mrs. Burgess. Color, fine dark violet; one of the best dark sorts, in fact one of the best of all Heliotropes. Good for pots; fine for bedding in open ground, and extra good for cutting; odor exquisite, and it produces flowers in abundance. In last twenty years we have had on trial many varieties of Heliotrope; but we pronounce this the best, either for pots, bedding or cut flowers. Price 10 cts.; larger, 20 cts.

White Lady. The nearest approach to pure white yet in the Heliotrope; truss very large, growth compact; a decided acquisition. A slight improvement on "Snow Wreath." Price 10 cts,; larger, 20 cts.

SPIREA.

Anthony Waterer. One of the most beautiful hardy plants in cultivation and one which has aroused the greatest enthusiasm among horticulturists everywhere. This new Spirea grows in the form of a low compact shrub, with numerous branchlets, each bearing clusters of charmingly pretty, rose-colored flowers. The plants sent out are strong, well-rooted, and with ordinary care, will flower freely during summer. It will do well in any good garden soil. (See cut.)

Price 25 cts.

GERANIUMS.

We call special attention to our entire list of Geraniums. The older or standard sorts are selections of years of practical growing of this popular plant, while in new sorts a finer set than the first sixteen in our list, cannot be found named in any retail catalogue in this country. The first ten never having been offered till this year, being the cream in novelties, from the world's best growers. Our collection is at all times up to date, which accounts for our immense sale in this class of plants.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE ZONALE GERANIUMS.

Md. Bruant. A grand new single variety wholly distinct from any other in cultivation. White, veined with carmine lake, florets regularly bordered with bright solferino, the arrangement of color is exquisite, often intermingling and producing a striped effect; the trusses are large and beautifully formed; the plant is a good healthy grower and very free-flowering. Everything considered, this is the most distinct and wonderfully colored variety ever sent out, and certainly the finest plant novelty of the year. Rivaling many of the fancy Pelargoniums, with its wonderful combinations of colors, and excelling them in blooming qualities, being in flower summer and winter, at all times in bloom. Our customers will please try this novelty; its exquisite and delicate coloring will be the great attraction of your collection. Price 25 cts.

John Doyle. The finest of all double scarlet Geraniums. This variety is far superior and will supersede "Heteranthe," both as a bedder and pot plant. We have tested it for the past season in the garden and find it is much superior to any of the "Bruant" type of Geraniums. It is a strong, vigorous grower, throwing its truss up well above the foliage, of enormous size, and of the richest bright scarlet. It is a phenomenal bloomer, as it will produce one-third more flowers than any Geranium

we grow. We unhesitatingly recommend it, and advise all to embrace it in their collection of Geraniums, and then have the best variety up to date. Price 15 cts.

Florence Farmer (single). White ground, veined and tinted with rosy salmon, the color deepening towards the center, and forming an irregular circle round the eye; the flower is perfect in form, circular, with each petal gracefully recurving; the plant is a vigorous but compact grower, and very free. This is classed as one of the best of the new large-flowering English recurved sorts. Surely a beauty. Price 25 cts.

Triomphe de Nancy. Flowers semi-double, carmine red with white markings very peculiarly arranged; an entirely novel variety, with large trusses of immense florets. No other double variety has ever shown the white marking similarly distributed. An elegant new fancy sort from France. Price 25 cts.

Fleur Poitevine (single). This beautiful novelty differs entirely from the preceding. The flowers are large, color brilliant rosy carmine, marbled and striped in white, and producing an aureole of deep orange carmine at the center; the plant is robust and produces quantities of bloom on stiff stems. Price 25c.

Md. Jaulin. Without question the finest new semi-double Geranium offered in many years. This is an entirely distinct color in the "Bruant" or bedding type. Very large florets compose a truss of grand size; center of flower very delicate pink bordered with pure white. For freshness and beauty this variety is unrivalled by any bedding sort, and is equally as valuable for pot culture. Price 30 cts.

J. Sallier. A vigorous growing and remarkably free-flowering variety. Trusses very large and of perfect form, composed of single flowers; entirely distinct from any existing variety. Edges of petals carmine lake; the center is washed in tints of rose and bluish heliotrope color; the upper petals are veined carmine and marked with orange at the base. This is one of the most distinct and valuable Geraniums of the year, and we recommend it highly. Price 25 cts.

H. Dauthenay (single). Low growing, free branching and extremely free in bloom; the trusses are of gigantic size, flowers enormous and quite round, color coppery orange red, with white eye, with peculiar shadings about the eye; the color is magnificent, the plant blooms in the greatest abundance, and the foliage is beautifully zoned. Price 20 cts.

Juliet (new semi-double). Its merits are very strong, rugged growth; but short jointed and bushy, in fact a model Geranium, in foliage and habit. Flowering very profusely at all seasons; color pink, with salmon shadings; grand. Price 15 cts.

L'Enfer. Plant very dwarf, with small leaves of blackish green and black zone. Flowers fiery scarlet; a novelty in black and scarlet, and entirely distinct among foliage Geraniums; yet rare, only few dealers will offer it this season. Price 25 cts.

Mme. Jules Chretien (single). Florets large, perfectly circular, and extremely showy. It is one of the largest, finest and most showy of the fancy Geraniums. The center of the flower is pure white, surrounded by an aureole of pale violet, and is bordered bright red. A beautiful dwarf grower, and very free in bloom. A most astonishing variety and should be in every collection. Price 40 cts.

Deuil de Miribel. The grandest single scarlet that we have yet seen. Footstalks fifteen inches long and very rigid, and bearing enormous trusses of immense circular florets of velvety crimson-scarlet. This variety has the largest floret, finest truss, longest stem and best color among single reds; fine free grower. Price 20 cts.

Mars. The new single border Geranium produces more flowers than any other Geranium, though of smaller size, they are produced in such profusion as to completely cover the plant; new color, white and salmon, habit dwarf, leaf with a dark brown zone; equally as good a winter as summer bloomer. Price 15 cts.

Colossus. Floret quite circular, semi-double; two and one-half inches in diameter; truss also fine. The color is very beautiful, a rich shade of rosy crimson. Very free in bloom. One of the largest and finest among the double reds. Price 15 cts.

Raspail Improved. Among double Geraniums there is nothing finer. The color is a deep scarlet of exquisite shade. The floret is very regular in form, more than semi-double, and about two and one-half inches in diameter. Foliage and habit are both good, and it is a first-class winter bloomer. Price 30 cts.

Mme. Ch. Dabouche (double). Extremely free in bloom, with enormous trusses of large round flowers. Color, bright rose, shading to apple bloom pink. A new fancy variety that will attract in any collection; extra good. Price 20 cts.

Claire Fromont. Immense sized trusses, semi-double florets of the largest size; growth and habit of plant perfect; color beautiful rose marked white, without solferino or magenta shading. The best pink variety we have seen. Price 20 cts.

Leonard Kelway. Glowing carmine; very bright and attractive, the petals showing a peculiar gloss; color as fine as "S. A. Nutt," while the truss is much larger. A grand addition to the dark reds. A fine bedding sort. Price 15 cts.

Mme. Jouis. A very beautiful variety; color, bright rose at the center with a white border of flesh color or white. Florets of the very largest size, semi-double, and flat in form. A grand addition to the doubles; extra. Price 10 cts.

M. Remy Martin (double). Dwarf and free branching, producing flowers abundantly throughout the season. Enormous spherical trusses high above the foliage. Color, beautiful dark rose, marked pure white on the upper petals, lilac on the two lower petals. One of the best of the season. Price 10 cts.

Mr. de la Rue. Rich carmine lake color of most intense shade, with white mark at the base of the petals; also lined and dotted carmine. Very large flowers, color magnificent. Price 15 cts.

Dr. Marest. A new dark flowering bedding variety. Wonderful profuse blooming in vases and flower-beds. Price 10 cts.

Baron Duranteau. Magnificent double flowers, of a fine shade of crimson, upper petals marked scarlet; greatly admired. Price 15 cts.

F. L. Voith (single). Color a beautiful, clear and brilliant carmine-rose, with a very large and pure white eye; florets round and of perfect form; trusses of enormous size and beautiful shape; plant very free and of excellent habit. Price 10 cts.

Baronne de Scalibert. Dwarf and compact in growth, and so free in bloom that the large trusses cover the plant. Florets large, of bright soft pink color, the centers marked white, petals veined red, a lovely color; single. Price 10 cts.

Mme. Grillet. Of a beautiful, soft China rose color, of a different shade from any other variety that we offer. Very fine double sort. Price 10 cts.

Theodore de Banville. The best yet produced of the golden type. A good grower and free bloomer, with large well formed florets borne in large trusses; pure yellowish scarlet, semi-double; a very fine sort. Price 10 cts.

P. Crozy. The foliage shows the blending of the two races, having the form of the Ivy and the substance and size of the Zonals. The flowers are brilliant scarlet, borne in the greatest profusion, the trusses measuring six inches across; habit is compact; the flowers are semi-double and last a long time. As a pot plant or in beds in the open ground it surpassed in brilliancy any variety in our grounds. Price 10 cts.

Souvenir de Mirande (single). Entirely distinct from any other variety known. It has round florets, upper petals cream-white with a distinct rosy pink border; lower petals salmon-rose, streaked with pure white. A most novel color, and extremely free-flowering. Price 10 cts.

S. G. Cobb. Beautiful floret with slightly overlapping petals; heavily zoned foliage; large showy truss; florets not crowded, owing to length of footstalks; the two upper petals are white one-half the distance from the center; the other half is bright pink; the other three petals are bright pink, dotted near center with many tiny points of bright red. An elegant fancy pot variety, and a good bedder. Price 15 cts.

Daybreak. An entirely new color in single Geraniums, being a beautiful light flesh, like Daybreak Carnations; large trusses and grand foliage. We recommend this as one of the finest of the fancy flowering kinds. Price 10 cts.

La Favorite. This eclipses all other double white Geraniums. The trusses are very large and perfect in form, and of the purest snowy white, even when grown in the open ground. A good grower and free-flowering. Price 10 cts.

M. V. Noulens. Very distinct, of the "Mirande" type, clear white with scarlet border, flowers large and good form. A rare variety. Price 10 cts.

Montesquieu. Very large semi-double florets of exquisite pale mauve, with white eye. It bears a fine truss on a long, stiff footstalk. One of the best. Price 10 cts.

Queen of the Belgians. Single Zonale, pure white; florets and trusses nearer perfection than any other of this class, bringing the whites up in size and form to the colored varieties; free-flowering; fine habits. We recommend this sort for its purity, perfect form and free habits. Price 10 cts.

Sam Sloan (single). Deep crimson-scarlet; trusses of immense size. Fine for house or pot culture, but its great merit lies in its wonderful blooming qualities when planted out; superior to any bedding sorts we have ever grown, exceeding in brilliancy the famous "General Grant" Geranium, which has stood at the head as a bedder. Fine for pots. Price 10 cts.; $1.00 per doz.

Mrs. E. G. Hill (single). The center of each petal is a soft, light salmon, bordered with rosy salmon and veined with rose; trusses very large and composed of an immense number of florets. One of the new "Bruant" type; extra. Price 10 cts.

Gen. Grant. One of the best single scarlet varieties for bedding, vases, etc. Price, from 2¼-in. pots, 10 cts.; 75 cts. per doz.; 3-in. pots, $1.25 per doz.

S. A. Nutt. A new dark bedding variety, now used extensively in the large parks, and called the best dark double variety for bedding. Price 10 cts.

Brilliant. A fine improvement on all single scarlet varieties that we have ever grown. Florets perfect and of largest size; trusses of finest shape. Price 10 cts.

Beaute Poitevine. Undoubtedly the best double Geranium of its color. Very large semi-double florets of beautiful and distinct form, and borne in immense trusses; very free bloomer, and as a bedding variety it has no equal in its color, brilliant salmon, brighter at the edges, and is a plant of fine short jointed habit, the best of all the salmon shades, either for house culture or bedding. Price 10 cts.

W. P. Simmons. A splendid new dark variety, originated by Mr. L. N. Stein, of Harrisburg, Pa. Large semi-double flowers in large trusses borne on strong footstalks; color dark red with orange shadings at the center; a remarkably free bloomer, and the finest dark for pot culture. Price 15 cts.

Wilhelm Pfitzer (double). Of bright apricot color, edge of petals white, distinct and by far the best ever sent out of the color; perfect habit. One all should have in collection, as it is one of finest fancy sorts. Price 10 cts.

Mrs. Hayes. Very double, of a beautiful light pink flesh color; trusses of immense size. Sure to please. Price 10 cts.

Heteranthe (Double Gen. Grant). We consider this the best bedding Geranium of all varieties. The plant redounds in vigor; foliage is strong, striking and of perfect habit. Color of the flower is a bright vermillion-red, of most pleasing shade.

The flowers are absolutely perfect in shape, color and make-up; trusses exceptionally large and borne in immense spherical balls, often measuring eight inches in diameter. It makes a compact, dense growth, and has all the qualities that go to make a perfect bedder. Continuous bloomer. Price 10 cts.; $1.00 per doz.

FANCY LEAF GERANIUMS.

Mrs. Parker. In this fine variety recently introduced, we have a combined beauty in flowers and foliage not found in any other Geranium. Its leaves are deep green, with a broad margin or border of white; flowers perfectly double, clear bright pink. Splendid for house culture. (See cut.) Price 15 cts.

Chieftain. One of the best of the bronze type; fine for pots, vases, or bedding; foliage light golden, with a rich chocolate zone. Price 10 cts.

Happy Thought. An entirely new style of leaf, having a large yellow blotch in the center of the leaf, with an outer band of green. Price 10 cts.

Mrs. Pollock (golden tricolor). The ground color is a deep green, with a zone of bronze, crimson and scarlet, and a margin of clear yellow. Price 15 cts.

Mountain of Snow. Pure white, margined; flowers scarlet. Price 10 cts.

Golden Band. Gold margined; cherry colored flowers. Price 15 cts.

Cloth of Gold. Fine golden foliage. Price 15 cts.

Md. Salleroi. A distinct variety, with leaves from one to two inches in diameter; the center of olive-green, with broad margins of white. Price 10 cts.

Distinction. The leaves, which are nearly circular, are very dark green, having a narrow band of jet black near the margin; distinct from anything in cultivation. Crimson flowers. Price 20 cts.

Crystal Palace Gem. Golden foliage; center of leaf bright green. One of the very best of the golden varieties; scarlet flowers. Fine for window. Price 10 cts.

SCENTED GERANIUMS.

Mrs. Taylor. Strong rose fragrance, and deep scarlet flowers. Price 10 cts.

Lemon. Large leaf, scented. Price 10 cts.

Rose. Large leaf, scented. Price 10 cts.

Skeleton Leaved. Rose scented. Price 10 cts.

Quercifolia (oak). Leaves marked with black. Price 10 cts.

Fernæfoleum Odorata. A valuable and scarce sort; its leaves have the appearance of the Fern, also an odor similar to Sweet Fern. Excellent for green in bouquets. Price 15 cts.

Lemon. A dwarf small leaf sort, growing dense and compact. Price 15 cts.

Nutmeg Scented. Small leaves, resembling "Apple Scented." Price 10 cts.

Variegated Rose Scented. Foliage green and white. Price 15 cts.

Birch Leaf. Small leaf, with birch fragrance. Price 10 cts.

Ottar of Roses. Leaf apple green, large and velvety. Price 15 cts.

Shrubland Pet. Small light green leaves, very fragrant. Price 10 cts.

IVY-LEAFED GERANIUMS.

Gen. Championnet (new). Flowers double and of enormous size, equally as large and double as the finest Zonale; color, deep scarlet with carmine shadings. The largest flowered of all the Ivy Geraniums. Price 15 cts.

Mme. A. Guillemand. Flowers full and double; color, violet-purple; extremely grand of this color. New. Price 10 cts.

Remarkable. New, from France, and perhaps the finest Ivy Geranium to date. In size of flower and richness of color it stands unequalled. Color, deep rich red; florets of immense size and good substance. Price 15 cts.

Souv. Chas. Turner (new). The handsomest Ivy Geranium ever introduced. Florets two and one-half inches, in trusses six inches across. The color is a deep bright pink, approaching scarlet; the upper petals, feathered maroon. Quite double. Awarded numerous certificates. Price 15 cts.

Joan of Arc. This is one of the most charming plants we have ever offered. The flowers are perfectly double, white as snow, and literally stud the plant when in full bloom. The foliage is extremely handsome, the dense, glossy green leaves making a most effective background for clusters of ivory-white flowers. Price 10 cts.

L'Elegante. An extremely pretty variety, of bright green foliage, with broad band of creamy white, often margined with pink; its pure white, single blossoms are produced in dense clusters. Price 15 cts.

WEST RUTLAND, VT.,—*Ellis Bros.* Gentlemen: Many thanks for the prompt and very satisfactory manner in which you filled my small order for plants, which arrived last night in nice condition.
Very truly yours, L. T. HOLT.

CAREY, O.,—*Ellis Bros.* Sirs: Of my entire order, not one failed to grow and give entire satisfaction, and were in every case all you represented them to be. Yours truly, ETTIE DAVIDSON.

NORTH CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,—*Ellis Bros.* Sirs: I am much pleased with the plants and bulbs received from you yesterday. Yours truly, M. S. P. GUILD.

BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA.

Sanderiana (new). It affords us great pleasure to offer this new and useful flowering plant; small and large plants alike being covered with blossoms. Even plants in thumb-pots, were laden with bloom. The house in which our plants have been cultivated has been a sheet of flowers from May until December, the plants carrying large numbers of brilliant blossoms. Many excellent judges state that this will be a favorite market plant, as it produces as freely as a Fuchsia its dazzling rosy crimson flowers, lasting so long in perfection, and produced in smallest pots, under all conditions, in amazing profusion. A first-class certificate was awarded Messrs. Sander & Co., by the Royal Horticultural Society for this new plant. We have but recently placed this plant in stock; above description is from the introducers, Sander & Co., of England. (See cut.) Price 40 cts.

BEGONIAS.

In no other class of plants has there been so much improvement, so many additions in choice varieties, and so much progress in popularity during the past few years, as in the Begonia. The reasons are: ease of culture, rapid growth, freedom from insects, fine flowers, great variety and wonderful beauty of foliage, and all that goes to make the window garden enjoyable, can be found with Begonias alone. Our collection is one of the finest in the United States. No expense spared to get the best from the world's most noted growers.

Mme. Lionnet. The ground color of the leaf is a rosy bronze, distinctly overlaid with a silvery-metallic lustre, the entire surface covered with crimson pile; the best red-leaf Begonia on the list, being very brilliant in color. The flowers are bright pink. Price 40 cts.

Semp. Elegantissima Alba (new). One of the finest introductions of later years; no other white flowering Begonia can approach it; the flower is large, pure glistening snow white, and is doubly valuable from being borne on long stems. A fine free grower, foliage nearly hidden under profusion of snowy flowers. Price 25 cts.

Pink Wreath. A new dwarf everblooming variety. Flowers pure white, with a perfect wreath or border of bright pink around each floret. Growth similar to "Vernon," but with larger blooms. Price 15 cts.

Duchartrei (new). A strong, free grower, leaves purplish red; foliage very abundant; blooms in large panicles, stems of extra length, bloom somewhat resembles that of "Metallica," but is much larger, of glistening texture; pink in the bud and white in bloom. Price 15 cts.

Speculata. Quite a novelty in Rex type. Leaves are in the form of a grape leaf. Color a bright green, with a background of chocolate; veins of a light pea-green, the whole leaf spotted with silver. In bloom it is magnificent, the panicles composed of great numbers of individual pink blooms, are lifted high and spray-like, quite clear of the foliage. (See cut.) Price 20 cts.

Wonder (Semp. Incarnata). So named for its wonderful flowering qualities. It should be grown by amateur and florist, as it is in flower the entire year, and is especially profuse during winter,—including the holidays—when flowers are so much desired. It is a great improvement on the old variety "Incarnata," so much used as a mid-winter flowering plant. It blooms in elegant trusses of large, pure pale pink flowers; greatly admired. Price 15 cts.

Countess Louise Erdody. This is the Begonia of all the Begonias, and a plant of unusual beauty and growth. The leaf, which has a metallic lustre, appears dark silvery in the center, shading into coppery rose toward the margin, which is broadly and evenly edged with the same hue, but darker and more brilliant. The veins are yellowish green on both sides. The striking peculiarity, however, which distinguishes it from all other Begonias, consists in the fact that the two lobes at the base of the leaf do not grow side by side, but one of them winds in a spiral-like way until in a full grown leaf there are four of these twists lying on the top of the leaf nearly two inches high. (See cut.) Price 15 cts.

Metallica. A variety with a peculiar metallic-like lustre, and charming rose-colored flowers; very worthy variety, combining both beauty of leaf and flower in same plant. Winter flowering; extra. Price, 10 to 25 cts.

Rex Varieties. A magnificent class of house plants, remarkable for the variety and beautiful markings of the foliage; well adapted to vases and baskets in shady situations; also very fine ornamental plants for window, but should be kept where it is warm and not too sunny. Price, older sorts, small plants, 15 cts.: large, 25 to 50 cts.; new and rare sorts, small plants, 25 cts. each.

Souv. de F. Gaulain. A remarkably strong growing variety, of stiff, upright habit: foliage very large, somewhat in style of "Rubra," but more than twice as large: flowers beautiful coral red, in large pendant panicles similar to "Rubra," but very much larger and finer. Price 15 cts.

Louise Closson. One of the richest and most beautiful of the Rex family, of the "Louis Chretien" type, with larger and very much brighter foliage. The coloring is simply magnificent; center of leaf deep bronze with broad band of silvery rose; edged bronze, spotted rose. Extra fine. So much finer than "Louis Chretien" that we drop that from our list. (See cut.) Price 25 cts.

Queen Victoria (Rex). Solid silver leaf of crepe-like texture, red veins, and fluted edge; plant a strong grower. Price 25 cts.

Incarnata. A splendid winter flowering plant. About the Christmas holidays this is covered with one mass, from top to bottom, with bright pink flowers, looking like one huge bouquet. The Christmas flowering plant for everyone. Price 10 cts.

Vernon. One of the very best summer or winter blooming Begonias. Flowers when very small, and is literally covered with flowers as the plants attain age and strength. Numerous flowers are of a brilliant orange-carmine color, and the foliage a glossy red which grows more intense with the advancing season. The staminate flowers with their bright yellow centers give the last note of color and contrast admirably with brilliant red flowers and metallic foliage. Above all, it blooms with great profusion throughout the entire year. Price, plants, 10 cts.; seed, 10 cts. per pkt.

Semperflorens Rosea. A new variety entirely distinct from Begonia S. G. Rosea. If we could have but one of the flowering sorts, this would be our choice. Its short sturdy growth, medium size thick heavy foliage, continuous and wonderful profusion of flowers, will give this first place as the model Begonia. The flower trusses are fine; buds nearly crimson; open flowers, shading from dark to light pink, forming a most pleasing combination of colors. Price 15 cts.

Clementina. A cross between Rex and "Diadema." The color of the stem and upper surface of the leaf is a beautiful bronze-green, ornamented with large silver spots, arranged parallel with the ribs of the leaf; the under side is a bronzy red, producing a beautiful effect. An easy and rapid grower. Price 20 cts.

Bertha McGregor. A splendid new seedling and one of the most beautiful fancy Begonias yet seen. A cross between the Rex and flowering section, showing a combination of coloring and great freedom of growth, together with fine habit, which will make it of great value to both amateur and florist. It grows readily under ordinary treatment. Leaf six by nine inches, long pointed and with six deep notches, producing foliage in abundance; the center of leaf is small, dark and palm-shaped; the body of leaf being solid silver, outlined with bronze; elegant. Price 25 cts.

Pictaviense (Scharffiana X Metallica). This cross has produced a plant of fine habit, fine foliage and fine flower. The leaves are intermediate between the two parents, both in size and form; the under side is a rich purplish red, the veinings very prominent, and the face of the leaf a fine bronzy green. Price 15 cts.

Manicata Aurea (from Italy). A very beautiful and distinct ornamental Begonia, with clear and glossy green foliage, marked and blotched with cream color, deepening to bright canary; flowers pink, lace-like, in long spreading panicles. Its heavy glossy leaves being boldly blotched with a rich golden cream, and a clear carmine etching in the matured leaves, altogether making the handsomest variegated plant known.

Price, small plants, 25 cts.; large, 50 cts.

Argentea Guttata. This variety has purple-bronze leaves, oblong in shape, with silvery markings, and is in every way a most beautiful Begonia. It produces white flowers in bunches on ends of growth stems. It will be splendid for house culture. (See cut).

Price 15 cts.

Perle de Paris (Rex). Leaf cup-shaped, of a clear dark metallic silvery color with a reddish tint; back of leaf red and green. One of the best large leaved varieties.

Price 25 cts.

Tuberous-rooted. These splendid new Begonias are very beautiful, and unsurpassed for bedding or pot culture. The plants present a striking appearance, being covered with magnificent showy flowers. The bulbs or tubers can be easily grown, requiring like Gloxinias, light loamy soil and a somewhat shaded situation. After blooming all summer, the bulbs, if in beds, should be taken up in November, dried off like Gladiolus, and packed in a box of coarse sand placed in a dry place, secure from cold; they will then be ready for the next season. If in pots, they can be gradually dried off in November by withholding water; when well dried out, put the pots containing bulbs in a dry warm place, until spring, when the roots should be shaken out and re-potted. All our bulbs of this variety are from the celebrated Griffin strain, the most noted in the world. We can furnish the following colors: red, white, pink and yellow. All very strong flowering bulbs. Price 25 cts. each; mixed, 15 cts. each.

Dr. Nachtigal. Flowers a tender rose color, and odorous; the only fragrant Begonia that we know. It has large, deep green leaves, and is a strong, vigorous free-flowering variety, of upright growth, bearing its flowers in immense panicles all winter; this, with its fragance, makes it a very valuable sort. Price 10 cts.

Rubra. A fine acquisition to our winter flowering plants. The leaves are of the darkest green; colors of flowers, scarlet-rose, glossy and wax-like. Price 10 cts.

Thurstonii. This new Begonia is a cross between "B. Metallica" and "B. Sanguinea," having the bright red foliage and veinings underneath the leaves, and bright metallic green, shading to red in the younger growth on top, with the deep veinings of the "Metallica" and smooth glossy leaves and red stems of the "Sanguinea;" the flowers are a beautiful deep pink in bud, but when expanded become a beautiful shell-pink. A grand improvement on "Metallica;" larger and finer shaped leaves, with a beautiful bronze shade; one of the best for pots, bedding or vases. Price 15 cts.

Multiflora. Winter flowering; constantly in bloom; a profusion of rosy pink blossoms from November to April. Price 10 cts.

Semperflorens Gigantea Rosea. A wonderfully free blooming variety, flowering profusely from October till May; very popular on account of its magnificent bunches of bright cardinal flowers. The flowers are by far the largest of the species. The fact of its being a true winter bloomer enhances its value much. To those who wish an ideal Begonia, we can heartily recommend this one. Price 15 cts.

McBethii. A beautiful white or winter flowering sort, of dense and finely cut foliage, blooming profusely through the winter months. Price 10 cts.

Pond Lily. Named on account of resemblance of leaf to that of the Pond Lily; fine foliage; one of the best winter blooming varieties; flowers pink. Price 15 cts.

Ricinifolia. A magnificent decorative plant; leaves of immense size and similar in form to "Ricinus." Flowers in very large panicles on flower stalks two to three and one-half feet high; light pink. Price, strong plants, 50 cts.; small, 15 cts.

Roi Ferd Major (Rex). Large silver leaf, center blotched dark green, edge ruffled, and covered with blotches of dark green with red shading. Price 25 cts.

Silver Queen. Not a new variety, but one that came to us with above name, and we find it one of the finest of the Rex Begonias. The entire leaf is of a light silvery color, veined green; flowers white, shaded pink. Price 15 cts.

President Devanway (Rex). Leaves dark green, tinted red on young growth, the entire leaf beautifully blotched and peppered with dark silver; very novel, flowers pink. Price 25 cts.

Queen of Hanover. Leaf of soft velvety texture, covered with red pile, center and edge of soft green velvet, the zone formed by small silver dots. Price 25 cts.

Sanguinea. Leaves dark, glossy olive-green, under side deep red, flowers white; easily grown. Price 15 cts.

Weltoniensis. Beautiful old-fashioned pink flowering variety; also known as Coral Begonia. Price 10 cts.

Maple Leaf. The name indicates shape of leaf, which is quite large and of a pure, light, solid green, thick in texture, and surface very glossy. This makes an elegant house plant, and easily makes a fine specimen. Price 20 cts.

ABUTILON.

Infanta Eulalia (new). It would be difficult to find a more unique flowering plant than this. Unlike the ordinary Abutilon of scraggy growth, it is very compact and short-jointed, making a very neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have seen among Abutilons, being very large, yet short and beautifully cupped, and of the most lovely pale satin-pink color imaginable. It produces its flowers in greatest profusion, both summer and winter; in fact, we think it will give as many or more flowers in one year than any known house plant. Color new. Price 15 cts.

L'Africain. In contrast with above we offer this fine new and attractive dark sort. Its color dark crimson, shading still darker at center; petals very thick and heavy and having a beautiful glossy appearance not found in the other varieties. Price 20 cts.

Boule de Neige. This is one of the best Abutilons yet introduced, with dark green leaves and pure white flowers; it blooms freely, either as a bedding-out plant or pot plant for winter. Price 10 cts.

Firefly. By far the highest and brightest color of all the family, and one of the freest bloomers. When grown in a pot it flowers all winter, and summer when planted out; color nearest approach to scarlet of any yet introduced; flowers very large and showy. Price 10 cts.

Souv. de Bonn (new). Without a doubt this is the most beautiful of all the Abutilons. The bright green leaves are distinctly edged with a broad, pure white band, as shown in illustration. The long-stemmed flowers are of golden yellow color, veined with scarlet, and stand well outside the foliage, producing a pleasing contrast. It is exceedingly floriferous. Either bedded out or as a pot plant, makes fine specimens in a short time. (See cut.)

Price 10 cts.

Mrs. G. Laing (new). Immense flowers of bright, rosy pink, of beautiful expanded form; habit good, and free in growth and bloom. Flowers nice for cutting, as the stems are long. A great improvement on any variety similar in color.

Price 25 cts.

Golden Fleece (or Golden Bells). A fine yellow flowering Abutilon of strong, vigorous habit and a very free bloomer. Color, rich golden yellow; flowers of large size. A good winter bloomer. This variety blooms the entire year; one of the best for summer bedding or winter window plants. Price 10 cts.

Thompsoni-plena. A double Abutilon had never been produced until this was obtained. Foliage beautifully mottled yellow and green; perfectly double flowers; color rich deep orange, shaded and streaked with crimson. Price 10 cts.

ASTERS.

Semple's White. Pure white. Price 50 cts. per doz.
Mary Semple. Pale pink, extra. Price 50 cts. per doz.
Lavender Queen. Semple's in pale lavender. Price 50 cts. per doz.
Semple's Mixed. Assorted in above kinds. Price 50 cts. per doz.

The above are the new branching, late blooming sorts, blooms very large, similar to Japanese Chrysanthemums. The grandest late Asters we have ever grown. We take pride in the fact that we were the first to offer these fine Asters to retail trade. The blooms sold in Boston market at higher prices than any other sort, it being an excellent variety for cutting; also, one of the best for ornamental bedding.

Vick's New Branching. White. Price 50 cts. per doz.
Comet (White Giant). Elegant. Price 50 cts. per doz.
Comet. Pink, medium height. Price 50 cts. per doz.
Comet. Purple, medium height. Price 50 cts. per doz.

Fancy, in many colors and kinds. Price 50 cts. per doz.
Truffaut's Perfection. White, a grand sort. Price 40 cts. per doz.
Truffaut's Perfection. Bright pink. Price 40 cts. per doz.
Truffaut's Perfection. Purple. Price 40 cts. per doz.
Truffaut's Perfection. Dark red. Price 40 cts. per doz.
Truffaut's Perfection. Above four kinds mixed. Price 40 cts. per doz.
Mignon. Pure white, medium size. Price 50 cts. per doz.
Mignon. Finest sorts, mixed. Price 50 cts. per doz.

NOTE. — Our Aster plants are all grown from choicest seed, and grown in pots, ready for shipment after April 15th. For a full description of each sort see seed department.

PETUNIAS.

Veteran (new). Flowers pure white, striped rose, of immense size and very double; growth dwarf and bushy; fine for pots and an extra bedder. Price 15 cts.

Defender (new). The introducers of this, say that it will successfully defend its claim as the best double white ever raised. It is certainly the purest white we have ever seen, and a great bloomer. Price 15 cts.

Pink Beauty. If not the perfect Pink, it is so near it, that visitors exclaim, "Why there is a double Pink Petunia!" A first-class novelty; a fine dwarf grower; good for pots or bedding. This, and "Mrs. Morton" (white), are the two finest double Petunias we have ever grown. (See cut). Price 15 cts.

Mrs. Morton. This stands at the head of all the white frilled varieties. Growth vigorous, and very dwarf and bushy; flowers white, with very heavy finely cut fringe. The most light and airy in appearance of any of the double whites. Good as bedder; excellent pot plant. Price 20 cts.

Ada. Purplish crimson edged with pure white; very large and showy, edges beautifully fringed and laced. Price 15 cts.

Clio. Pure white with crimson mottled center; an extra fancy sort. Price 15 cts.

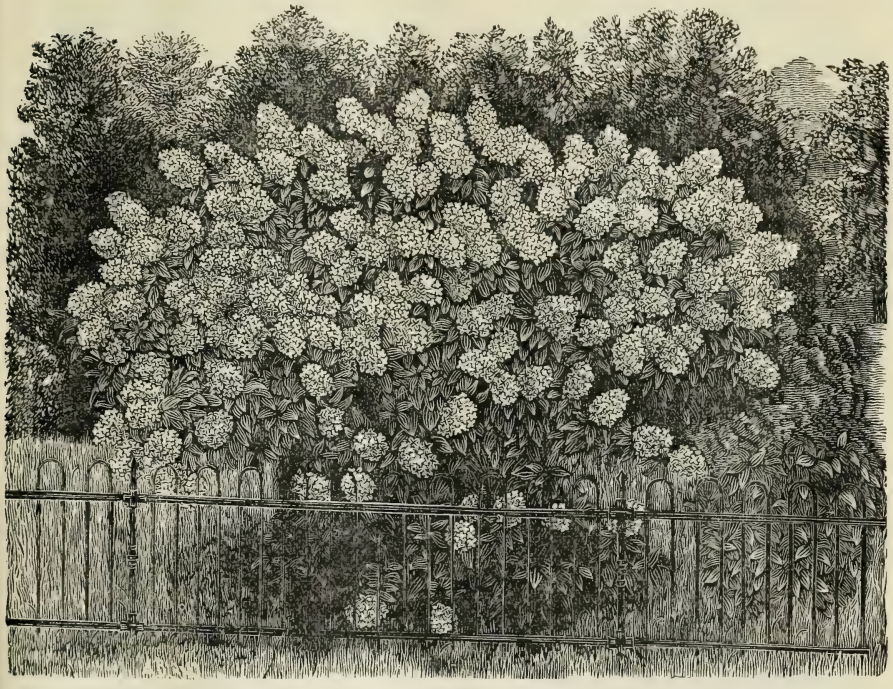
Murello. Intense deep rich purple; without blotch, very fine. Price 15 cts.

NOTE. — Above are all fine double fringed sorts.

Petunia. Single, mixed from fine strains of the large flowering sorts. Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.

BROCKTON, MASS.,—*Ellis Bros.* Sirs: The Begonias came today and they are the nicest plants and in the best condition of any I ever received. MRS. LEVI W. HOLLIS.

HYDRANGEAS.



Paniculata Grandiflora. One of the finest hardy shrubs in cultivation; the flowers are formed in large white panicles or trusses, nine inches in length. The shrub grows to a height and breadth of three or four feet, and as the flowers slightly droop, few plants have the grace and beauty presented by this magnificent shrub. Perfectly hardy in all parts of the country; needs no protection of any kind. It should have all weak wood cut away each fall, and be well manured each season. (See cut). Price, extra strong, 1-year, field grown plants, 20 cts.; extra strong, 2-year, field grown plants, 50 cts.; extra strong, 3-year field grown plants, 75 cts.; 4-year, $1.00. All of above will bloom first year. The 3-year plants are extra fine, well branched, two to three feet high; all have extra good roots. The 2, 3 and 4-year plants should go by express.

Monstrosa. A grand novelty. Color of bloom, intense rose, shaded white. See full description first pages of this catalogue.

Price, small plants, 20 cts.; strong plants, 60 cts.

Thomas Hogg. Another Japan production. A pure white variety of the old garden "Hydrangea," being identical with it except in color, which is of purest white. Hardy at North if protected with boughs; very fine for pot culture. Price 15 cts.

Red Branched. This is one of the finest varieties in cultivation, with dark red branches that brighten as they near the flower trusses. The plant is of robust habit, and produces freely immense heads of deep rose-colored flowers. Price 15 cts.

Otaksa. A magnificent flowering shrub, with immense trusses of flowers, frequently twelve inches across; color bright rosy pink, contrasting finely with other

sorts. The plant is of low, bushy growth, and should have a covering of straw, leaves or evergreen branches during winter in northern climates. The low, sturdy growth, together with its immense blooms and beautiful foliage, make it the most desirable of all to grow in pots, tubs or vases for summer decoration. When so grown it can be wintered in cellar. Price 15 cts. and 50 cts.

NOTE.—"Paniculata" is perfectly hardy in open ground. The other sorts, in northern states, are best grown in pots and tubs; they can then be wintered in cellars.

ORNAMENTAL OR DECORATIVE PLANTS.

Cocas Weddeliana (Palm). This beautiful Palm is unquestionably the most elegant and graceful in cultivation. It is admirably adapted for the centers of jardinieres and fern dishes, as it retains its freshness for a long time, while for dinner table decoration it is unexcelled, and should be in every collection. (See cut.) Price, young plants, 50 cts.; larger, $1.00.

Seaforthia Elegans (Palm). This is a most graceful Palm, eminently adapted for decoration of the greenhouse and garden. It also makes a fine window plant. Long leaves, and gracefully arched, dark green, and the whole plant is perfectly smooth; a grand decorative plant. Price 30 cts.; larger, 50 cts.

Latania Borbonica. This is the typical Palm, and is more largely used than any other. Its strong, healthy habit commends it to all, and gives it a fitness for window and room culture not possessed in the same degree perhaps by any other; certainly among the best. Price 30 cts., 60 cts., $1.25 and $3.50 each.

Corypha Australis. A fine Palm from Australia, of very easy and rapid growth. Foliage bright green, umbrella shape. Price, small, 35 cts.; fine specimens, $3.50.

Phœnix Reclinata (Date Palm). Beautiful reclinate foliage of graceful habit. Easily grown, and one of most attractive and ornamental sorts in our list. (See cut.) Small, 35 cts.; larger, 75 cts., $1.00 and $3.00 each.

Cycas Revoluta. Known as "Sago Palm." Price, good plants, $1.50 to $3.00.

Kentia Fosteriana (Palm). The beautiful "Thatch Palm." The petioles are a bright green and the leaf divisions narrow, very delicate and graceful. Handsome for table or any kind of decoration; one of the best on our list. Price 40 cts., 75 cts. and $2.00.

Ficus Elastica (India Rubber Tree). One of the best plants for table or parlor decoration; its thick, leathery leaves enable it to stand excessive heat and dryness, while its deep glossy green color always presents a cheerful aspect. The plants we offer are in fine order and of a size to be useful immediately. Price 50 cts., $1.00, $1.50 and $2.50 each.

Ardisia Crenulata. A very ornamental greenhouse plant, dark evergreen foliage, producing brilliant red berries; a first-class house plant. Price 35 cts.

Carex Japonica Variegata. The exquisite gracefulness of this decorative gem, will find a place for it among Palms, Ferns and Dracænas. Indeed, its slender green foliage, edged with white, cannot be equaled by any other plant. It is extremely easy to grow, will stand heated atmosphere with impunity, and can be carelessly handled without being damaged. Decidedly a plant for indoor culture, and yet it is quite hardy in the garden. (See cut.)

Price, small plants, 20 cts.

Dracæna Indivisa (Dragon Tree). One of the most desirable of our ornamental foliage plants for decoration, either in or out doors. Its fine foliage renders it very useful for the window garden, planted as a center piece in a rustic stand, jardiniere, or window box, or for summer decoration in vases and ornamental beds; also especially well adapted for centers of vases, baskets, etc.; the bright green narrow foliage contrasting well with other foliage and flowering plants. Price 25 cts., 50 cts., $1.00 each.

Agave Marginata. Beautifully variegated green, yellow and white.

Price 25 cts., 50 cts., $1.50 to $2.50 each.

Agave Americana (Century Plant). Dark green; strong grower.

Price, small, 25 cts.; large specimens, $1.00 to $3.00.

NOTE. — Palms do not show their character leaves till from one to two years old, and some even later. Therefore, in buying small plants, do not be disappointed with shape of leaf as it will be the seed leaf, and the perfect developed leaves will come later. The larger sizes all have full character leaves.

STROBILANTHES.

Dyerianus. This novelty received first prize at the International Quinquennial Exhibition at Ghent; medal at World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The undulation on the surface of the foliage is furnished with a blueish metallic hue, shading into light rose with a light green margin. It surpasses the finest Coleus or Begonia in the exquisite coloring of the leaves, besides which the long racemes of lovely violet blossoms with which the plant is covered in mid-winter greatly enhances its value, beauty and usefulness: a valuable bedding and decorative plant. This plant will undoubtedly become universally popular on account of its brilliant and exquisite coloring, its extraordinary easy growth and usefulness as a decorative plant.

Price 20 cts.

NORTHFIELD, VT.,—*Ellis Bros.* Kind Sirs: The box of plants arrived yesterday morning. They are extra nice; the finest I ever saw. Very respectfully, MRS. J. FARWELL DAVIS.

PRIMULA (PRIMROSES).

Obconica. A lovely perpetual blooming Primrose, needing about same culture as the Chinese varieties. The flowers are borne profusely, in trusses, on long stems, color white, delicately tinted rosy lilac. Of easy culture, thriving with little care and attention. The blooming qualities are wonderful, in full flower from October to August, fully nine months in the year, producing twice the quantity of flowers of any plant with which we are acquainted. If desired it can be planted in open ground in summer and potted again in fall. (See cut.) Price 15 cts. Seed in packets of about 100 seed. Price 15 cts.

Chinese Primrose (single). This florists' flower is held in great esteem, and is one of the most desirable winter blooming plants, flowering during the winter and spring months. Choice fringed varieties in many colors. Primroses prefer rather cool treatment and need but little sun, even doing finely in a north window. Price, fine large plants, from 4-inch pots, in bloom, 25 cts.; 3 varieties for 60 cts. Smaller plants, 15 cts.; 2 for 25 cts. The large size plants go best by express.

ORANGE.

Otaheite (new from Japan). A new variety which is suitable for pot culture, and which will with anyone prove one of the most desirable pot plants it is possible to possess. It is not an uncommon thing to see little cutting plants five or six inches in height, full of bloom, and even bearing one or two medium-sized oranges. The fruit at their best are not more than half the size of an ordinary orange, but are very bright and beautiful in color and delicious in quality; but it is for its flowers more than its fruit which commends it to general cultivation. When it blooms it is so full that it seems to be all flowers. The pure waxy white blossoms emit a delicate, yet powerful fragrance, which is surpassed by no other flower.

Price, 1-year plants, 20 cts.; 2-year plants, 50 cts.

Trifoliate. The most hardy of the Orange family, and will stand in open ground, except in extreme North. Price, 2-year pot plants, 25 cts.

IMPATIENS PLANT.

Impatiens Sultani (sometimes called "Patience Plant"). This is one of the most distinct and beautiful of flowering plants of recent introduction, either as a winter blooming pot plant, or for the border in summer. It is of compact, neat habit of growth, with good constitution, and a perpetual bloomer. The flowers are of a brilliant rosy scarlet, peculiarly distinct, but most effective hue, about one and one-half inches in diameter, and are produced singly or twos and threes from the axis of the leaves, especially toward the summit of the stems, but so freely that a well grown specimen appears to be quite a ball of fire. We commend this highly. (See cut.) Price 10 cts.

Queen Corola (new). For a blooming plant that will flower the full 365 days in the year, and thrive well as a window plant, none equal the well known "Impatiens Sultani." We now offer this new sort as identical in growth and free blooming quality, but having flowers in color a beautiful salmon, suffused with rose, base of lower petals blotched white, stamens and pistils garnet and purple. The whole flower irregularly burnished as in tinsel. One of the finest novelties of this season. Price 15 cts.

VIOLETS.

Lady Hume Campbell. This is a distinct and lovely new Violet that has become the most popular double variety among florists, thousands of them now being grown for cut flowers. Among the doubles it is beyond question the best for amateur culture, for the reason that it excels all others in strong, healthy growth, and it will produce under ordinary conditions, a wonderful abundance of flowers. Foliage large, clean and bright. The flowers are perfectly double, with most delightful violet fragrance. (See cut.)

Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for 75 cts.

California. For size it is easily superior to any Violet now in cultivation, while for richness and purity of color, and fragrance of its flowers, it is immeasurably superior to all other single blue varieties. It is a single flower, and while of extraordinary size, it does not by this improvement lose any of that sweet simplicity peculiar to the Violet, but with its clearly outlined petals, it is the embodiment of graceful beauty. In color it is decidedly rich—a deep pure violet blue that does not fade but remains pure to the end. The flowers are exquisitely fragrant and borne on long stems, ten to fourteen inches in length, and well above the foliage. Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for 75 cts.

Farquhar (new). One of the finest variety in cultivation. Very large, perfect double flowers; remarkably productive, exquisitely fragrant, and of hardy constitution. It is of healthy and vigorous habit of growth; producing in great abundance its beautiful dark blue flowers, of a size and substance far in advance of any variety now in cultivation. Price 15 cts.

Parma. Flowers very large, of a fine deep dark color, with a wonderfully powerful odor; it will give great satisfaction. Recently imported. Price 15 cts.

Schoenbrunn. This single Violet is grown by the million for the Philadelphia market. Very desirable for the amateur. In mild climate, it will bloom all winter in open ground. Grown in open air at North, it will commence in September to push out its beautiful, dark fragrant flowers and will bloom till Thanksgiving in the garden, then with low frame and sash it will flower till Christmas, if covered with little extra covering on the coldest nights. Do not dispair of raising Violets, till you have tried this one. Price 2 for 15 cts.; 5 for 25 cts.; 12 for 50 cts.

Luxonne. A new French variety, not quite as profuse as above, but with larger and longer stemmed flowers. This is looked upon with great favor by florists, who have given it a trial. Price 10 cts.; 75 cts. per doz.

Russian. A hardy sort for open ground culture at the North. Nearly all varieties of the fine double sorts are not hardy enough to stand northern winters without glass protection. This Violet has been grown for years, planted in the open ground with no protection beyond covering the beds in the late fall with forest tree leaves. Flowers large, double, deliciously fragrant, and of a very deep shade of blue —one or two petals being dotted with red. Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for 75 cts.

Swanley White. A great favorite. Grown in pots or boxes, it is a beautiful sight; vigorous and healthy, bearing in profusion pure snowy white, perfectly double flowers, exquisitely fragrant. Lift and place in pots during September, and it will bloom elegantly during winter and spring. Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for 75 cts.

Marie Louise. The great market Violet. No other variety superior to it in color, which is of a very deep shade; blooms large and fragrant and produced in abundance. One of the best. Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.; 75 cts. per doz.

NOTE.—The Russian Violet is perfectly hardy. Other varieties require in northern states, good protection in frames, if wintered for spring blooming. For house culture, pot them in September, and keep them in open air well watered, till freezing nights come, then place them in windows of a room where they will not have artificial heat, except perhaps the coldest nights, for while little frost will not injure, a hard freeze might do so; also, give air when ever it is above freezing out doors. Violets can be readily grown if above treatment is given them, but it is impossible to grow them in a house temperature of sixty-five to seventy-five, when they want only thirty-five to forty-five, with perhaps fifteen degrees warmer when the sun is shining on them. Try them with the cool treatment, not forgetting the air when warm enough.

PELARGONIUMS.

Mrs. Robt. Sandiford (new). Grand white variety, flower large size, well doubled, beautifully ruffled along the edge of the petals, and of glistening snow white, called doubled white from the crimped and fluffy appearance of the flower, which has also an extra petal, allowing it readily to pass for a double white bloom; used by florists for the nicest floral work, wherever they have been able to procure the blooms in quantity, it yet being quite rare. It can be grown by anyone who is successful with this class of plants, it being a strong, vigorous grower, and the most decided novelty in Pelargoniums introduced for years. (See cut). Price 25 cts.

Mad. Henri. This lovely new variety has recently been imported from France, it being one of the best productions of Mr. Lemoine, the great French grower. The plants are bushy, fine growers, flowering in wonderful profusion, large umbels, color a beautiful rosy carmine, with a deep purple blotched center. All admirers of this class of plants should add this to their collection. Price 35 cts.

Madam Thibaut. White, richly blotched and marbled with rose, the upper petals marked with crimson maroon; large white center, immense trusses of large, fine flowers with undulated petals. A strong grower. Price 30 cts.

Apple Blossom. One of the finest blooming house plants in our entire list. People never tire of this, the freest flowering of all the Pelargoniums. Flowers, shades of pink and white, and slightly frilled. It flowers from eight to ten months of the year, and when at its best, the flowers are so profuse they nearly hide the foliage, it being one mass of pink and white; well named "Apple Blossom." Price 20 cts.

Victor (Maddons). Color of upper petals almost a black, and very velvety; lower ones a bright lively crimson; center pure white, covering nearly one-half of bloom; florets extremely large and very showy. The finest of its class. The great market sort, tens of thousands raised for the New York market alone, meeting with ready sale. Price 20 cts.

Madam Vibert (new). Fine black-maroon blotches bordered fiery red, the flower entirely edged with rose. Vigorous grower, fine habit aud free bloomer. A grand flower, best of all the new sorts. Plants very scarce. Price 35 cts.

Belle Blonde. Color, clear rose; large maroon blotch on the upper petals; a very free bloomer; a standard variety; strong growth. Price 15 cts.

L'Avenir. A fine striped variety; color a beautiful shade of crimson, spotted and striped white; very strong growth, free-flowering. Price 20 cts.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

We call special attention to our list of Chrysanthemums; nearly all are prize winners at the large shows in different parts of the country. If not acquainted with the improved new sorts of today, as compared with the Chrysanthemums of ten years ago, you will be quite astonished by a trial of a few of the best. "L. Canning," "Eda Prass," "Ivory," "John White," "A. Lunden," "Golden Rod," "E. des Mondes," "Vivand-Morel," "W. H. Lincoln," "C. Bird," "Glory of Pacific," "Marie Louise," "Robt. McInness," "Dorothy Toler," "Challenge," "J. Shrimpton," etc. The above are fine for any purpose, but especially so for growing and blooming in pots. While the following are varieties that can be grown in pots well, they are at their best when grown with one flower to each stalk, being extra large and fine for exhibition; "Queen," "V. Morell," "E. des Mondes," "M. Henderson," "Minnie Wannamaker," "Mrs. Perrin," "Wm. Simpson."

Mrs. Perrin. The very nearest approach to the true pink so long desired. It has slender, stiff stems; a short neck. Flower is of globular form, incurved, full, and with a satin finish. Color rose-pink within, glistening pink without. Recognized as ideal variety in this color. Received first prize wherever shown as best pink; at Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago, received flattering notices. Price 20 cts.

Glory of Pacific. New pink sort, but entirely distinct from above. It is of magnificent size, with broad petals, which finally reflex; color changing to white, with rosy tints; grand grower. Price 15 cts.

Ruth Ellis (new). Color lovely blush white, changing to pure white. The highest type of the Japanese varieties. Price 20 cts.

Mrs. Henry Robinson. In the entire Chrysanthemum family there is no grander white variety, no matter when it blooms; it is of the most popular style—immense incurving broad channeled petals of great substance and the purest white. Price 15 cts.

Merry Monarch. Large pure white flower and very early to bloom. A great favorite in New York market. Price 15 cts.

Wm. Simpson (new). Very large flowering pink variety of a most pleasing shade. We paid, only nine months ago, five dollars per dozen, wholesale, for our stock of this sort. Price 15 cts.

Dorothy Toler (new). This is a gem, and while of only medium size, its great depth, perfect fullness, fine pink color and lasting qualities will make it rank as the leader among late pinks. Pure "Dahlia" form, gradually becoming reflexed. Price 10 cts.

Challenge. A nice growing, dwarf, late sort, blooming from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Fine, either for cutting or as pot plant; a good one. Price 15 cts.

Ermenilda. Quite a new sort, pure rose-pink, extra good. In full bloom at Thanksgiving; fine for pots or cutting. Price 15 cts.

J. Shrimpton. Bright crimson, color similar to "Cullingfordi," florets strong and stiff, flower of largest size and most perfect form. Price 10 cts.

Marie Louise. Beautiful recurving white, with interlacing petals, outer ones reflexing closely around the stem, inner ones building up full to center, forming a plumy globe; a healthy and strong variety of the easiest culture, perfecting its flowers about October 20th. Price 10 cts.

Miss Minnie Wannamaker. One of the best white varieties; flowers large, of great substance. Incurved at times, resembling a white ball. Price 10 cts.

Canary Bird (Pompon or Button). Flowers light yellow, and like small balls; blooms early. Very profuse. Price 10 cts.

Marion Henderson (new). A superb, large flowering, early sort. Pure gold in color. It is full of petals to the center, and lasts a long time; in fact, although very early, it can yet be made late, because it remains perfect on the plant for such a length of time. We cut the first flowers on October 10th, days before any other large yellow was ready, and had perfect flowers to cut a month later. Flowers large; strong stem; rugged growth; heavy dark green foliage. Price 10 cts.

Robt. McInness. No other variety can as yet approach this in gorgeousness of red and gold, in roundness of form, dwarf short-jointed growth; fine for exhibition, single stems and pots. Price 15 cts.

Pitcher & Manda (new). Reflexed Japanese, not deep, but solid and of large diameter; the outer five or six rows are creamy white and of Dahlia-like form, the center is bright yellow, the two colors being sharply defined; and particularly valuable as being a most decided break in a new direction. A vigorous grower. Received numerous certificates, and greatly admired by all visitors. Price 10 cts.

Queen. This sort has taken more prizes than any other white sort; truly grand, when disbudded to one flower to stem. Price 10 cts.

Mrs. Leslie Ward. Light bronze, perfect flowers; petals slightly covered with hair. A magnificent sort. Price 10 cts.

Enfant des Deux Mondes (child of two worlds). This new fancy Ostrich plume variety, originated in France, being a sport from a strong growing Japanese sort. Perfects its flowers readily, is of grand size; color light creamy white, changing to pure white, and very heavily plumed. Everybody should have this fine sort; the most graceful and desirable among the whites, of very strong growth, and sure to bloom. Price 10 cts.

Vivand-Morel. This grand variety has literally leaped into popularity the past year. and has done much to restore confidence in Continental varieties; color, tender rose; of very silky texture; petals long and straight, a fine grower; flower of large size ane fine color, extremely beautiful. Price 10 cts.

Cullingfordi. It is not only the most symmetrical in form, but is the brightest in color of all the dark Chrysanthemums, being the richest shade of dark mahogany crimson. "Cullingfordi" is one of the latest of all Chrysanthemums, and, if kept cool, can be had in flower in greenhouse or sitting-room as late as Christmas. Price 10 cts.

Alberic Lunden. A Japanese variety raised by Delaux. Enormous flowers, petals turning over, brilliant dark carmine, shaded fiery crimson. A grand novelty that received a first-class certificate at the National Chrysanthemum society. Price 10 cts.

Wm. H. Lincoln. A magnificent golden yellow variety, straight, flat, spreading petals. An extra large flower, completely double, and of great substance; late. Price 10 cts.

Tuxedo. Beautiful shade of blended old gold and amber, the most novel in color of any of the varieties. Price 10 cts.

Eda Prass. A fine, bold, recurving flower, of great substance and depth. When opening, of a delicate salmon, then changing to a creamy white, delicately shaded blush. One of the best for pot culture, dwarf and bushy. Price 10 cts.

Ivory. Snowy white, of perfect incurved form, very large; this is undoubtedly one of the most useful introduction of late years, as it is an early variety, of dwarf habit and free-flowering. Price 10 cts.

Mrs. J. G. Whillden. A handsome, light yellow variety of splendid size and form. Took the Whillden prize at the Philadelphia show; an early bloomer. Price 10 cts.

John White. Large double white, the most perfect blooms seen on any variety. Price 10 cts.

L. Canning. A most exquisite white, absolutely pure; the flower is quite regular in form, very large and flat, the length of petals graduating to the center. Resembles a large satin rosette. Price 10 cts.

Kioto. Vigorous habit, without being coarse or scraggy. The flowers are large; in color a pale gold or deep canary; beautifully incurved; a late bloomer. Price 10 cts.

Gloriosum. Straw color; beautiful, large, bell-shaped. Profuse bloomer. Price 10 cts.

Golden Plume. A new variety recently brought from Japan. A strong grower, and a remarkably prolific bloomer, producing its bright golden flowers in greatest profusion. Its oddity, however, consists in the long or outer petals after remaining in horizontal position for a few days, gradually bend downward till they hang drooping and waving, the inner petals remaining upright. This could also be called the Christmas flower, as it was in full bloom December 25th, being one of the latest of the many sorts we grow. Price 10 cts.

Golden Rod. Beautiful golden yellow flowers of fine shape, and borne in the greatest profusion, yielding more flowers than any yellow we ever grew. Price 10 cts.

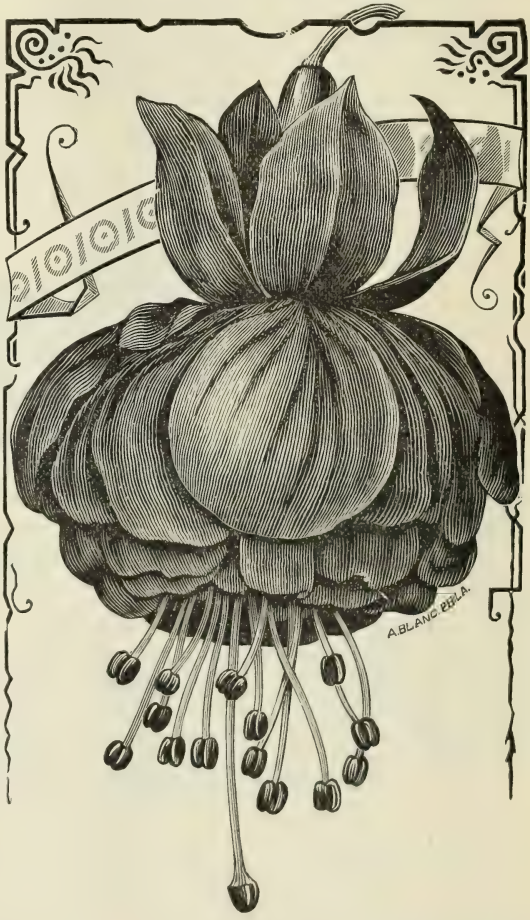
Mrs. Bergman. Great market sort for extra early white; in flower early in October. Price 10 cts.

Potter Palmer. A wonderfully fine, large, pure white variety, — very late in blooming, — in its glory at Christmas and New Years, when flowers are so much desired. Price 10 cts.

FUCHSIAS.

Autumn Leaves. This remarkable fancy variety is said to have been brought from across the water by a sailor. We consider it by far the most distinct and beautiful of its class. It is impossible for one not familiar with our eastern forests in autumn, to imagine the beauty of its foliage. In habit it droops, and is most charming when staked and the branches allowed to fall naturally and gracefully down, forming streamers of green, red, bronze and gold, terminating with its beautiful clusters of flowers. Color, tube and sepal, rosy scarlet, corolla deep violet-crimson. Flowers and foliage blending in perfect harmony. Stock limited, price, 30 cts.

Mme. Bruant (new). A vigorous grower, and of fine, drooping-tree habit. The flowers are of a size and fullness before unknown; the color is a rosy heliotrope, marked and veined in rose. Sepals bright red, and to which a number of the petals of the corolla are very curiously affixed, owing to the extreme doubleness of the flower. Grand, long-pointed, rounded bloom, with sepals strongly recurved. This fine new sort came from France. (See cut). Price 15 cts.



Washington (new). The collector of fine Fuchsias will at once be charmed with this new plant. As introduced by that wonderful plant-magician, M. Lemoine, of France, it might naturally be judged one of of the best novelties of the year. It shows a rare new color among Fuchsias, displayed in large, double, perfectly proportioned flowers. Tube and sepals are soft, rich carmine, while the corolla is a true rose-mauve,—a remarkable and exquisite combination. The plant has unusual vigor, soon forming a fine, shapely specimen, and covering itself thickly with flowers. Price 10 cts.

Dr. Topinard. This is one of the finest Fuchsias of recent introduction. Sepals large, rich cherry red, corolla large, single, white. One of the best. Price 10 cts.

Wave of Life. Flowers single, dark purple, golden foliage; the contrast of color in flower and foliage showing to great advantage. Price 10 cts.

Little Beauty (new). Said to have been named thus, on account of every one upon first seeing it, saying, "isn't it a little beauty." The introducer says he has often counted 150 buds and blooms on one plant in a four-inch pot. Flowers single, about one and one-half inches long; sepals bright red, corolla purple: a fine bushy grower. Plants very scarce this season. Price 15 cts.

Trailing Queen. This Fuchsia is an entirely new departure, differing from all other large flowering varieties in its habit of growth, as it is a trailing vine. The young plants, as they commence growth, creep out to the edge of the pot, and then go trailing downward. The flowers are borne in large, drooping clusters, and are very large, long and graceful; buds, tubes and sepals being bright rosy scarlet; corolla, when it first opens, a deep, rich violet-purple, changing to a fine shade of crimson. Price 10 cts.

Mrs. E. G. Hill. This is one of the grandest Fuchsias we have ever grown. Unlike most of the double white Fuchsias, it is a robust, upright grower, not coarse, but compact and very symetrical. The tube and sepals are a bright, reddish crimson; corolla pure white, extra large and double. Price 10 cts.

Improved Venus Victrix. The new odd colored fall blooming Fuchsia. We often see white tube and sepal Fuchsias in artificial models and drawings, with dark purple corolla. Florists have often smiled and said, "Such in reality has not yet made its appearance." But here we have the very plant. "Why, I have not seen one like that before," is the observation of all novices. Price 10 cts.

Black Prince. Tube and sepals bright waxy carmine color; sepals with pale green tips and large open pale pink corolla, margined with deep rose. Price 10 cts.

Storm King. This fine Fuchsia is of German origin, of elegant, graceful habit, producing its immense, finely formed double flowers in great profusion; color, tube and sepal red; corolla large double white, beautifully tinted with a peculiar shade of rosy pink. Price 10 cts.

Sunray. Color of foliage as rich and clear as any tricolor Geranium. The leaves are of a bright crimson, white and bronzy green; corolla purple, sepals coral-red. Price 15 cts.

Speciosa. A well known variety, producing large flowers two inches in length, tubes and sepals of which are blush, the corolla crimson. Some plants of this variety, grown in eight or nine-inch pots, will produce from three hundred to five hundred flowers from December to May. It being the most profuse of all winter bloomers. Price 10 cts.

Mrs. Marshall. Flower tube and sepals pure white; corolla carmine; a very fine and profuse winter bloomer. Price 10 cts.

Monarch. Enormous blooms; crimson sepals, violet-purple corolla; very double; strong growth, free-flowering. Price 10 cts.

Carl Halt. One of the most beautiful of all Fuchsias; sepals white; corolla crimson, striped with white. Fine for winter flowering. Price 10 cts.

CANNAS.

Alsace (the new white Canna). A vigorous grower, with clear green foliage, four feet high; early and continuous bloomer. Spikes of flowers full, dense, crowded with flowers, which, upon opening, are of a delicate sulphur yellow, changing very soon, however, to a creamy white without spots. It is decidedly the most desirable Canna for its unique color, and will be indispensable wherever contrast in color for bedding is required. "Alsace" is an out-of-door Canna, and cannot be forced during winter. Price 25 cts.

Coronet (new). Semi-dwarf, bright green foliage, might be called a clear yellow, being absolutely without spots, and only a trace of orange-russet on the smaller petal, just enough to show depth to the flower. Entirely distinct from any of the "Crozy" types. Flowers five inches or more across, often with five petals; free bloomer. Price 30 cts.

Marigold. A rich orange color, with less scarlet or salmon than any so-called orange; flowers very large, of excellent form, petals one and three-fourths inches wide, foliage dense, glaucous green, seldom growing more than two and one-half to three feet high. The best of its color, and offered now for the first time. Price 30 cts.

Philadelphia (new). Two to three feet high, bright scarlet flowers, shading to crimson, five and one-half to six inches across, petals one and three-fourths to one and seven-eighths wide, not reflexed; a glowing color, pronounced by Mr. Wm. Falconer, as the finest red Canna in his collection, which includes all the best varieties known. It will supersede all others of similar shades. Price 30 cts.

Queen Charlotte. A wonderful and decided novelty from Germany. Its main advance being its color, which is bright red; each petal bordered with a very wide band of bright yellow. Extra showy for summer use, and also a splendid winter bloomer. Price 20 cts.

Nellie Bowden. A great novelty. Growers all over the world have been striving for what we now have in this new sort. A dwarf, large-flowering, pure bright yellow Canna. It is not spotted or marked with any other color, except that it has a touch of orange in the throat. One of the best attributes of this Canna is its free-flowering quality. It produces immense trusses of bright yellow flowers throughout the entire season, entirely distinct from any yellow we have seen. Price 15 cts.

Charles Henderson. A magnificent variety. The flowers are deep, rich crimson, borne in compact, symmetrical heads, above a rich green foliage. The habit of the plant is dwarf—about three and one-half feet high—but the foliage is broad and massive. Taken all in all, this variety may well be considered the finest of recent importations. Price 20 cts.

Florence Vaughan. The flower petals differ from most, even of the newest kinds, in their remarkable width and roundness, characteristics which M. Crozy considers the highest type to be sought for in these new kinds, which he has greatly improved. In habit the plant has very broad, light green leaves, making a splendid typical effect. The flower spike is large; each flower opens broadly, and the color is a golden yellow, dotted with brilliant carmine. Price 20 cts.

Madame Crozy. The flowers are of large size, of a dazzling crimson-scarlet, bordered with golden yellow. The plant is of vigorous growth, yet dwarf in habit, seldom exceeding four feet in height. The foliage is of a rich cheerful green; flowers are produced in large branching stems, each stem being really a bouquet in itself. Price 15 cts.

Ehemanni. A distinct Canna on account of its large, oval, Musa-Enseta-like soft green leaves, which place it foremost among decorative foliage plants. Its most striking feature is the carmine-red flowers produced on stems of great length, that unfold about twelve flowers to each of the smaller branches. These flowers are as large as a Gladiolus, producing splendid effects on the lawn. Price 25 cts.

Austria (new). Pure yellow, spotted carmine, immense size. Price 50 cts.

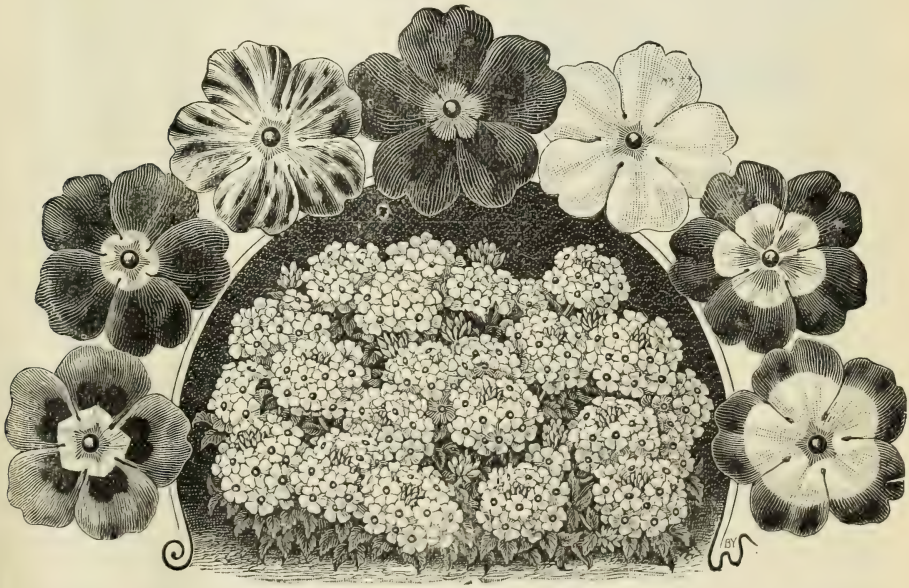
Italia (new). Large yellow, with bright scarlet spot on each petal. This and above will be largely advertised this year, but flowers have so little substance that they are worthless for bedding in open air, and therefore of but little value. Price 75 cts.

ALYSSUM.

Mammoth. The finest of all large growing Alyssums. Small plants, planted in open ground will make immense clumps, for summer cut flowers. Also grand as a pot or vase plant; flowers white, semi-double, of twice the size in truss and floret of any sort we have ever seen. Its long, strong stem makes it very fine for cut flowers. A first-class novelty for summer or winter use. Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.

Double Tom Thumb. This variety has the same dwarf habit as the single, but its trusses are much longer and the florets double. The double flowers hold on so long that the plant is always in bloom, never having that ragged and unattractive appearance of old varieties when out of flower. Price 10 cts.

VERBENAS.



Verbenas being a leading specialty, we have selected from a large collection the following varieties, which combine the best bedding qualities and embrace the greatest variety of color, which cannot fail to give satisfaction to all. The list includes many of the best so-called mammoth sets; but where older sorts are still the best, we retain them on our list. We also have in stock many kinds not on the list.

Antonia, deep blue, extra; *Beauty of Oxford*, deep pink, of immense size; *Climaxer*, extra large, scarlet, vigorous grower; *Crimson Bedder*, bright crimson; *Gen. Custer*, brilliant crimson, white eye; *Invincible*, purple, large white eye; *Machadon*, deep blood red; *Mrs. Arthur*, dazzling scarlet, very fine; *Mrs. Cleveland*, pure white, strong grower; *Marion*, mauve, white eye, perfect form; *Peri*, light pink, white eye; *Swanger's Beauty*, finest striped sort; *Negro*, nearly black, very fine; *Black Hawk*, rich maroon, shaded black; *Shakespere*, purple, fine; *Load Star*, large, lavender; *Candidissima*, pure white, extra strong grower; *California Red*, extra strong grower, free bloomer.

Price, customer's selection, 8 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz.; our selection of best sorts, only 6 cts. each, 60 cts. per doz.; fine seedlings, mixed, 50 cts. per doz. Verbenas cannot be sent by mail after May 15. While we shall fill all orders for Verbenas in full as far as possible, we reserve the right to substitute good kinds in place of any of which we may be out.

SALVIA.

Golden Leaved (New Manda's Improved). This is, without doubt, the finest introduction made amongst our popular plants for years past, for in this plant we have a contrast of color between the foliage and flowers, which is simply marvelous, thus giving it a unique position as a foliage and flowering plant. It grows about one foot and a half high, and is far more dwarf and compact in its habits than "Wm. Bedman." Seeing it from a short distance, one would take it for the well known Golden Bedder Coleus, except for the masses of brilliant scarlet flowered spikes which loom up over the yellow foliage. The effect produced when this gem is planted en masse on a lawn is extremely fine. The contrast between the golden yellow foliage, the scarlet flowers, and the green grass, give to us the grandest combination of colors imaginable. The color of the leaves is constant and distinct at any stage of the plant inside or out of doors. Price 25 cts.

Splendens, *Compacta.* Also known as "Bedman," "Bonfire," etc. A splendid new French variety, with very brilliant scarlet flowers and of comparatively dwarf and compact habit. Its blooms appear one month earlier than the old variety "S. Splendens," and produces flowers in succession until frost sets in. An excellent plant for masses. Its early blooming qualities will be appreciated by all lovers of this fine plant; it also comes true from seed. We now grow this wholly in place of the old sort. (See cut.) Price 10 cts.; three for 25 cts.; twelve for 75 cts.

ROSES.

Manda's Triumph. This grand Rose is of free growth, luxuriant foliage, has large clusters of double pure white flowers, beautifully imbricated, two inches in diameter; sweetly scented. Price 60 cts.

Universal Favorite. Very vigorous. The double flowers are over two inches in diameter, and of a beautiful rose color, similar to the "Bridesmaid," and deliciously fragrant. Price 60 cts.

South Orange Perfection. This is a gem, growing freely, and having multitudes of the most perfectly formed double flowers, about one and a half inches in diameter, soft blush pink at the tips, changing to white. Price 60 cts.

Pink Roamer. The single flowers, which are produced in close heads, are nearly two inches in diameter, bright rich pink, with almost a white center, which lightens up the orange-red stamens, producing an effect which, combined with fragrance, makes it one of the most valuable Roses. Price 60 cts.

The habits of the above four new Roses are the same as the Rose Wichuriana, or Memorial Rose, of which they are hybrids. The growth is creeping, and therefore can be used to cover ground, stems of trees, pillars, posts, trellises, or any other purpose desired, including pot culture. They are the hardiest Roses known, and will stand any climate or exposure, and will thrive in the poorest soil. The foliage is finely cut, thick, of a leathery substance, bright green, shining as if varnished, not subject to mildew or any insect, but keeps its full beauty until almost Christmas. The flowers are produced in the greatest profusion, so that a two or three-year-old plant will produce several thousand most exquisite flowers, which are deliciously fragrant and last a long time in perfection. (See cut of these beautiful novelties on page 1 of this catalogue.)

Wichuriana (New Japanese Creeping Rose, also known as Memorial Rose). A low, trailing species, its stems creeping on the earth as closely as Ivy and forming a dense mat of very dark green lustrous foliage. The flowers are produced in greatest profusion, in clusters, after the June Roses are past, and continue during the season. Pure white, from one and one-half to two inches across, and very fragrant. Valuable for covering banks, rockeries, slopes and beds among shrubs; also fine for trellises, covering buildings, fences and stumps; extremely hardy. Price 10 cts.

Souv. President Carnot. A charming new French Rose. A strong, clean, healthy grower with handsome, bronzy green foliage and large elegant shaped buds. The flower is of large size, of exquisite shape, with heavy, thick shell-like petals; buds long and pointed. Color, delicate rosy flesh, shaded a trifle deeper at the center. A very profuse bloomer. Price 30 cts.

Crimson Rambler. This is undoubtedly the greatest acquisition in a climbing Rose introduced

for many years. It is of vigorous growth, making shoots from four to ten feet in height during a season, and is consequently a most desirable climbing variety. As a pot plant it is unequalled for decorative purposes. The flowers with which the plant is covered in the spring are produced in large trusses of pyramidal form, and of the brightest crimson color. The blooms remain on the plant for a great length of time without losing their brightness. The foliage is also retained to a great extent during the winter, making the plant almost an evergreen. It is said to be extremely hardy, having withstood the test in exposed situations of two very severe winters in England.

We offer good strong young plants at 15 cts. each; extra strong two-year plants, 35 cts.

Clotilde Supert (New Polyantha Rose). Flowers are borne in sprays. They are large, very double, and handsomely formed, round at first, but flattening as they expand; the outer petals are pearl-white, shading to a center of rosy pink, but varying sometimes on the same plant from pure white to deep silvery rose. It is fragrant and a constant bloomer. Grown as a pot plant, its free-flowering habit and handsome form are sure to popularize it, while as a garden bedding variety it makes a compact mass of handsome foliage, with a multitude of buds and blossoms in varying shades of delicate white and rose. Hardy in open ground, with protection. Price, small plants, 10 cts.; larger, 25 cts.

Princess Bonnie (new). This Rose shows a marked improvement in every respect over existing sorts of its color. Every shoot produces several perfect flowers, which frequently come in bouquet-like clusters of seven and eight. It blooms all the time, even surpassing "Clotilde Supert," both indoors and in open ground. The flowers are borne on long stiff stems, are large, semi-double, and in bud surpass any Rose we know. Of the color a prominent grower writes, "It is certainly charming"—the outside petals are rich solid crimson, more vivid than "Jacqueminot," while the inner side of the center ones at the base is streaked with white. The fragrance is rich and subtle, not the pungent odor of a Hybrid Perpetual, but rather a delicate refined scent so peculiarly its own that if it did not produce but a single crop of flowers a year its fragrance alone would entitle it to a place among Roses of distinction. Quite hardy, except in northern states. Price 15 cts.

Maman Cochet. This is one of the most beautiful new Tea Roses that has been introduced in years. The growth is vigorous, with rich healthy foliage and extra large flowers on long stout stems, very double and simply exquisite when in bud or half blown. The color is a deep rosy pink, the inner side of petals silvery rose, makes charming bunches of long-stemmed flowers when cut. Fine for either pot culture or out-door planting. This Rose is so much better than "Mermet" for bedding out, or for house culture, that we drop that sort from list. Price 15 cts.

Button. The stock of this fine Rose came to us through an amateur. We cannot give its history, but have never before seen it, nor can we find it described in any American catalogue. Its habits are similar to Polyantha Roses, and of a bright crimson color; entirely distinct from any Rose we have seen; should be in every collection, as it is sure to become a favorite. Price 10 cts.

Marshal Neil. No yellow Rose yet produced equals it. The flowers are of the largest size, highly fragrant, and of the richest and deepest golden yellow; the flowers remain in perfection several days. It is a vigorous grower. Price 15 cts.

Hermosa. A grand Rose and one which no one can afford to be without. The flower is cupped, finely formed, always in bloom. Soft shade of pink, fragrant, but not a Tea. Price 10 cts.

Perles des Jardins. Flowers very large, full and well formed; color beautiful straw or rich canary; vigorous growth, extra fine. Price 15 cts.

Duchess de Brabant. One of our most valuable summer and winter blooming varieties, equally good for either season, free bloomer; color light carmine, tinged with violet; buds full and very fragrant. Extra for pots or bedding. Price 10 cts.

Niphetos. Color of the purest white, large, full, fragrant. Flowers in profusion, nearly every shoot producing a bud. A fine Tea Rose, either for winter or summer; not a strong grower. Price 15 cts.

Papa Gontier. A lovely Tea Rose, which has proved to be all that has been claimed. The blooms are large and long, with thick, broad petals of a dark carmine-crimson. The inner petals are a bright rosy carmine, and light up well at night. It is delightfully fragrant and combines all the qualities of the "Bon Silene." Exceedingly free-flowering, summer and winter. Price 10 cts.

Augustine Guinnoiseau (or White La France). Here we have a beauty indeed, one we can recommend to all, whether for out-door culture or for pots in the house in winter. Do you know "La France?" If so, you know this elegant new Rose. It is identical, except the color. It is pearly white, tinted with fawn. Price 15 cts.

Coquette de Lyon, the Yellow Hermosa. No Rose like it for freedom of bloom. The plant is a fine grower, and carries numbers of flowers on every shoot. A fine yellow Rose, large, not at all formal, but very attractive. Called "Yellow Hermosa" from its free-flowering character. Price 10 cts.

La France. One of the most beautiful of all Roses, and is unequalled by any in its delicious fragrance. Very large, very double, and superbly formed. It is difficult to convey any idea of its beautiful coloring, but the prevailing color is light silvery rose, shaded with silver-peach and often with pink. This variety is hardy for out-door culture, if slightly protected with evergreen boughs in winter. Price 20 cts.

Marie Guillot. White, tinged with delicate shade of lemon; large, full and beautifully imbricated in form; one of the finest white Teas; the perfection of form in Tea Roses; highly fragrant. This Rose is so much better than "Bride" for house culture or bedding out, that we drop that sort from our list. Price 10 cts.

NOTE.—Except as noted, the above Roses are not hardy in open ground in northern states, but are fine for summer bedding or for the winter window garden.

HARDY GARDEN ROSES.

Mme. Chas. Wood. One of the best Roses for general planting ever introduced; the flower is extra large, full and double; color deep rosy crimson; sometimes brilliant scarlet with maroon shading. A constant and profuse bloomer. Price 20 cts.

Captain Christy. The flowers are of magnificent form, very double, and stand erect in their martial bearing. Color a fresh, delicate pink, with deeper shading in the center of the flower, the whole flower possessing a bright, satiny appearance. A desirable variety. Price 20 cts.

Gen. Jacqueminot. Now known everywhere. The buds in mid-winter wholesale at from 50 cents to $1.00 each. Color rich crimson; of fine shape and exquisite fragrance. Being very hardy, this variety is not only popular for winter forcing, but is one of the best for out-door planting. This model and grand old variety holds its own against all new comers, and is undoubtedly the finest hardy Rose of its color. Should be in every collection. Price 20 cts.; extra strong, 50 cts.

Magna Charta. A splendid sort. Bright clear pink, flushed with violet-crimson; very sweet; flowers extra large; fine form; very double and full; a free bloomer. Price 20 cts.

Mme. Plantier. A hardy, pure white double Rose of the "Hybrid China;" one of the best white Roses there is. It is excellent for cemetery decoration, etc.; growth free and vigorous. Price 20 cts.

Coquette des Blanches. White; large and full; fragrant. Fine for cemeteries. Price 20 cts.

Mrs. Degraw. A superb Rose, and we can confidently recommend it as being hardy, equalling the tender sorts in profusion of bloom. From early sommer until frost it may be depended upon to produce flowers in abundance. In color it is a rich, glossy pink, delightfully fragrant, and is such a strong grower that it is almost impregnable against attacks of the insects which usually destroy some of our finest Roses; thus it is certain to be unequalled for the garden and cemetery. Price 20 cts.

Gloire Lyonnaise. This grand Rose is the only yellow hybrid perpetual we have. It cannot be called deep yellow, but rather a pale shade of chamois or salmon-yellow, deepest at center, sometimes passing to rich creamy white, finely tinted orange and fawn. The flowers have all the beauty of "Tea Roses," and are large and full, and delightfully sweet. Price 25 cts.

Caroline Goodrich (or Running Gen. Jacqueminot). This new hardy climbing Rose has finely formed flowers, very double, and its fragrance is most delicious. The color is the same as that of the "General Jacqueminot." It makes a growth of from twelve to fifteen feet in a season. Price 20 cts.

Baltimore Belle (climber). Blush, tinged rose and white; the flowers are very double, and are produced in great clusters. Whole plant is one complete mass of bloom when at its best. Price 20 cts.

Prairie Queen (climber). Dark rosy red, changing to pink. Price 20 cts.

Mary Washington (hardy climber). This variety said to be a hardy, perpetual blooming, climbing Rose, and very desirable; producing a profusion of pure white flowers all summer; not fully tested by us, but doubtless a fine sort. Price 10 cts.

Countess de Muranais (moss). Large, pure white, beautifully mossed; a splendid out-door Rose. Price 30 cts.

Henri Martin (moss). This is a magnificent Rose. The flowers are extra large, very double. The color is a deep, rosy carmine. Price 25 cts.

GLADIOLI.

The Gladiolus is the most beautiful of the summer bulbs, with tall spikes of flowers, some two feet or more in height, often several from the same bulb. The flowers are almost every desirable color. As cut flowers, they are the most lasting of anything we know. By cutting the spikes when two or three of the lower flowers are open, and placing them in water, the entire spike will open in the most beautiful manner. Set the bulbs from six to nine inches apart, about three inches deep. In the fall, before hard frost, take up the bulbs, remove the tops, leave to dry in the air a few days, and store in some cool place, secure from the frost until spring. Our mixed varieties are unusually fine.

Gen. Phil. Sheridan. Fiery-red, white line running through each petal, and a large pure white blotch on the lower division. Price 10 cts.

Childsii. New, strong growing, large flowering varieties, mixed. A great improvement on Lemoine's. Price, in mixed colors, 15 cts.

Lord Bryon. Brilliant red, blotched white; a very showy sort. Price 10 cts.

Lemoine's Hybrids. For vivid and rich orchid-like coloring, this beautiful half-hardy class of Gladioli has no equal. Our bulbs were raised from selected seed, saved from the finest named varieties, selected for their distinct and brilliant colored flowers. Many of these are equal to the finest named sorts. (See cut.) Price, extra fine mixed, 5 cts., 50 cts. per doz.

Hesperide. Profusely blotched; and flaked bright rosy salmon on a pure white ground; a distinct and finely colored sort. Price 15 cts.

John Bull. Ivory-white, tinted with yellow and lilac. Price 10 cts.

Le Poussin. Light red, with large white throat; a beautiful variety. Price 10 cts.

Isaac Buchanan. The best yellow variety grown; a great novelty. Price 10 cts.

Snow White. The nearest pure white of any variety yet produced. Extra fine. Price 20 cts.

Gladiolus (fine mixed). The bulbs are all fine varieties. We send them out without names. One of the finest lot of Gladiolus ever offered at this price. Price 40 cts. per doz.; by mail, prepaid.

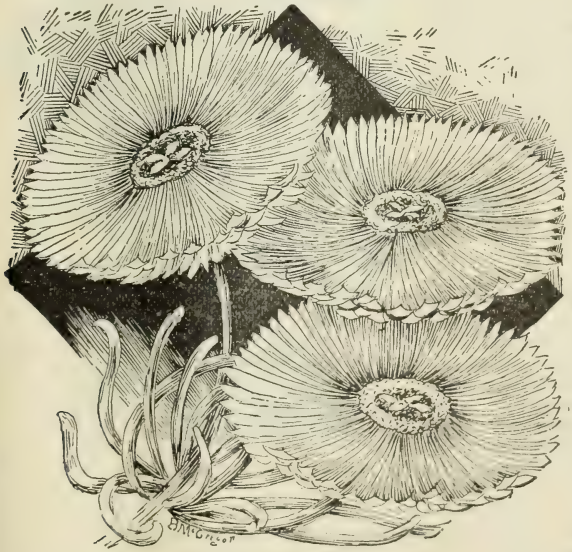
TENDER VINES AND BASKET PLANTS.

The following vines are for house culture or summer planting—not hardy.

Maderia Vine. Too well known to need description. Price 10 cts.

Saxifraga Sarmentosa. The old-fashioned basket plant, better known as Strawberry Geranium. Ornamental foliage. Price 10 cts.

Vinca (Variegata). Rapid grower; leaves glossy green, margined with white. Price 10 cts.



Mesembryanthemum Grandiflora Alba. New, large flowering pure white Wax plant, of a trailing habit, and especially fine for hanging pots or baskets. The foliage is round and fleshy, and the blossoms very large, two to three inches across, and exceedingly beautiful. (See cut.) Price 10 cts.

Mesembryanthemum Wax Plant (or Rock Pink). Curious succulent plant, similar foliage and flower to above. Flowers pink; an old variety, but fine for baskets. Price 10 cts.

Cuphea Platycentra (Cigar Plant). The tube of the flower is scarlet, with the end part white and crimson, having somewhat the appearance of a miniature lighted cigar; not a vine, but a trailing or basket plant. Price 10 cts.

Manettia Vine. In the house it can be trained all around a window, and will be a solid wreath of bloom both summer and winter. In the garden its charming beauty surpasses everything. Flowers intense scarlet, tipped with yellow, the most brilliant and striking combination, and borne by the thousand, each flower keeping perfect over a month before fading. It is of the easiest culture, and sure to thrive for any one with ordinary care. It can be trained on a trellis, strings, or used for drooping from hanging baskets; in any way a perfect mass of flowers and foliage from the root to the tips of the branches. Price 10 cts.

Passion Vine (John Spalding). A beautiful variety, foliage prettily marked with bright golden yellow. Flowers same as "Constance Elliott." Price 15 cts.

English Ivy. Too well known to need description. Price 10 cts.; large, 30 cts.

Lotus Pelyorensis (Coral Gem). This charming plant seems to be unknown in this country, yet it is so well thought of abroad that a prominent horticultural journal color-plated it. *The Garden* says of it: "Its slender branching habit is most striking, and the silvery foliage even more so. Without its flowers it might almost be described as a Silvery Asparagus." The bright coral-red flowers, measuring two inches in length, are really beautiful; its drooping habit also makes it useful for hanging-baskets. Easily grown. (See cut.) Price 10 cts.

Hoya Carnosa (Wax Plant). Has thick, fleshy leaves growing moderately fast and bearing umbels of beautiful flesh-colored flowers. Price, fine plants, 15 to 30 cts.

Myrsipyllum Asparagoides (Smilax). A climbing plant unsurpassed in the graceful beauty of its foliage; valuable for bouquets and decorations. Price 10 cts.

Passion Vine (Constance Elliot). This beautiful variety is hardy with slight protection. A climbing plant rivalling some of the Clematis in size, color and profusion of bloom, and surpasses them in vigor of growth and delicious fragrance, and are pure ivory white. Price 10 cts.

Ivy Silver Stripe (new). Fine foliage. Each leaf heavily bordered with pure white. The finest fancy Ivy. Price 15 cts.

Glechoma Hederacea var. (Nepeta). A variegated form of the common ground Ivy, which is prettily marked with pure white on a bright green ground. It is hardy and of vigorous growth like the parent variety, but unlike it, the leaves of this form have a refreshing fragrance similar to Mint. It will no doubt become one of our most useful plants for festooning work, such as drooping from hanging baskets, vases, fancy pots, etc., etc.; its graceful, rapid growth rendering it unequalled for this purpose, while we have no doubt it will also be largely used in cemeteries to cover graves, as it is entirely hardy and we think more ornamental than almost anything in use for that purpose at present. (See cut.)

Price 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.

Asparagus Tenuissimus. Can be grown like Smilax; its fine filmy foliage equals in beauty the Maidenhair Fern. Price 15 cts.

Jessamine Grandiflorum (Catalonian Jessamine). A valuable winter flowering plant, blooming without intermission from October to May. The flowers are pure white, most deliciously fragrant; used extensively by all bouquet makers. Price 20 cts.

Ivy German (or Parlor). A well known rapid climber; for pot culture or vases. Price 10 cts.

Cobea Scandens. A well known climbing plant of very rapid growth and having large blue bell-shaped flowers. Used for covering trellises and unsightly places, for which its rapid growth makes it very valuable. Price 15 to 30 cts.

BURLINGTON, VT., March 13, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* Gentlemen: I am very much pleased with the plants and bulbs received from you on the 11th inst. They are extra nice. Respectfully,
MRS. A. I. GOODHUE.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 2, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* Gentlemen: The plants sent by you reached us in perfect condition, and are highly satisfactory. Many thanks for your promptness. MRS. M. L. NOTALING.

CLAY SPRINGS, FLA., March 16, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* The Geraniums and bulbs came all right, for which I thank you. Not a leaf of the Geraniums was wilted. Respectfully, MRS. L. A. RANDALL.

NORTH MADISON, CONN., May 14, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* Gentlemen: Accept my thanks for the plants; they came to me in excellent condition and are the most satisfactory box of plants I ever received from any florist. Very respectfully, REV. W. G. SEARLES.

NORTH CAMBRIDGE, MASS., May 2, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* The plants arrived in fine condition. Am very much pleased with them. MARY S. P. GUILD.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ageratum, *Tapis Blue* (new). We take pleasure in introducing this new French variety, it being superior to any of the blue sorts. Growth very compact and dwarf, blooming in greatest profusion, in fact a solid bouquet of blue. (See cut). Price 10 cts.

Ageratum, *White Cap.* Not a new sort, but a fine compact bedding sort, with flowers of purest white. Price 10 cts.

Azalia, *Souvenir Prince Albert.* Large double flower; lobes broad, half white and half rose, edges pure white. This is a most beautiful and prolific bloomer, and is without doubt the finest fancy Azalia grown. A large plant when in bloom, having the appearance of a huge bouquet of pink and white. It also produces flowers when very small. Purchasers will not be disappointed in its beauty or value as a window plant. Price, fine strong bushy plants, from 5-inch pots, 50 cts.; larger, 75 cts.

Azalia, *Alba.* This fine old variety is still highly prized for its profusion of fine pure white single flowers, for its sturdy and rapid growth; blooms early. Price, fine plants, 40 cts.

Azalia, *Comte de Chambord.* Bright pink, very large, single flower, lined and stained with crimson, bordered with white; a very fine variety. Price, fine bushy plants, from 4-inch pots, 50 cts.

Anemone, *Whirlwind* (new double white). A semi-double form has been obtained of the beautiful autumn-blooming White Anemone, which is proved to be a permanent variety. In habit the plant is like the well known White Japan Anemone, the same strong growth and healthy foliage, and perhaps even more abundantly blooming. The flowers, which are two and a half to three inches across, have several rows of white sepals, and the blooms last much longer than those of the single variety. In most severe climates, a hard winter sometimes kills the crowns of unprotected plants of both the White and Red Japan Anemone, but after a test of five winters with the plants wholly exposed, the double variety has remained entirely without injury, showing that it is hardier than the other forms in cultivation. Price 20 cts.

Agapanthus Umbellatus, *Lily of the Nile.* This is a splendid ornamental plant, bearing large clusters of blue flowers on long flower stalks, and lasting a long time in bloom. There is no finer plant than this for out-door decoration, planted in large pots or tubs on the lawn, terrace or piazza. It does well in the house or greenhouse in winter, requiring but slight protection. Price 25 cts.

Amaryllis Belladonna. A noble flower from the Cape of Good Hope; perfectly hardy south of Washington, and even further north if planted a foot deep and covered. The flowers appear in the fall, and are of the most beautiful satiny rose imaginable, and of exquisite fragrance. They are produced in umbels of six to twelve flowers in a cluster. A fine sort for pot culture. Price, extra strong bulbs, 50 cts.; small, 20 cts.

Amaryllis, *Equestra.* Orange-scarlet; free bloomer. Price, extra large bulbs, 50 cts.; small, 15 cts.

Aloysia Citriodora, *Lemon Verbena.* Indispensable for fragrance of its leaves. Price 10 cts.

Brugmansia, *Arborea.* The plant is one whose merits will in due time place it in every collection in the country. It blooms in window and conservatory, or it can be cultivated in the garden during summer and wintered in a cellar or pit. The flowers are drooping, bell-shaped, over a foot long and eight or nine inches wide, of a creamy white color and very sweet. The striking beauty of a plant bearing a dozen or more of these gigantic flowers cannot be described. They bloom very freely, and it is not uncommon for a plant to have twenty or thirty blossoms open at once. They make magnificent lawn plants when plunged into the ground during summer, and the fragrance of the blossoms can be detected for a long distance. It is a very rapid grower and thrives under all conditions. It is absolutely sure to thrive and bloom freely. Price 20 cts.

Bryophyllum Calycinum, *Life Plant.* A most curious and beautiful succulent plant, with thick, heavy leaves, which, if cut and laid on moist soil or sand, or even pinned to the walls of a living room, little plants will grow from the notches all around the leaf. They grow very quick to a considerable size, and make a healthy and beautiful looking plant. The flowers resemble a bunch of berries, appearing usually in April. A very rare and interesting plant which is sure to greatly please. Price 15 cts.

Bouvardia, *Davidsonii.* White; often delicately tinted pink, profuse bloomer. Price 15 cts.

Bouvardia, *Alfred Neuner* (new double white). The flowers are rather larger than those of the single flowering, and composed of three perfect rows of petals of the purest waxy white color, each floret resembling a miniature Tuberose. Price 15 cts.

Calla, *Ethiopica.* The well known house plant. This Calla is the true large flowering sort; the grandest of all. Price, small, 10 cts.; larger, 25 cts., 50 cts.

Calla, *Little Gem.* Our stock of the true (Elliott's) "Little Gem," growing from eight to fifteen inches high. A true miniature Calla, with flowers from one-half to two-thirds the size of the old variety. It commences flowering when quite small. We had hoped great things for this sort, but find upon equal trial that it is in no way superior to the larger sort. Price 10 cts.; larger, 25 cts.

Centaurea Gymnocarpa. Attains a diameter of two feet, forming a graceful rounded bush of silver gray. Price 10 cts.

Coleus. In twelve fine varieties. Price 10 cts.; $1.00 per doz.

Camelia, *Japonica.* Fine plants. Price $1.00; very large, $2.00 to $3.00.

Cactus, *Nameless,* (or Dr. Regal). Night blooming, and without doubt the finest of the family. Flowers very large, sometimes measuring twenty inches in diameter; of the purest white. Originated in St. Petersburg. A handsome slender stemmed species, which ought to be grown much more generally than it is at present, for it is one of the finest of the night flowering Cacti. The flowers are twelve to twenty inches in diameter, with creamy white lanceolate petals, with an outer fringe of narrow yellow sepals. The surface of the stem being covered with irregular tubercules, not distinctly ridged as in most other species. Price 20 cts.

Cactus, *Epiphyllum* (or Lobster Cactus). A wonderfully free-bloomer, frequently blooming three or four times during the year. Of drooping, weeping habit. Flowers bright pink. Price, small plants, 15 cts.

Cactus, *Cereus Grandiflora* (Night-blooming Cereus). Flowers enormously large, and of rarest beauty. Pure white, and opening only at night. Price 20 cts.

Cyclamen, *Persicum.* The Cyclamen is particularly adapted to window culture; it blooms abundantly and for a long time in the winter and spring. The flowers are borne on long stems above the foliage and are very showy. Price, strong plants, 15 cts.

Cyclamen, *Persicum Giganteum.* Flowers of very large size; an improvement on older sort. An extra fine strain; two colors, red and white. Price, each, 30 cts.

Cyperus Alternifolius, *Umbrella Plant.* An ornamental grass, throwing up stems about two feet high, surmounted at the top by a whorl of leaves, diverging horizontally, giving it a very curious appearance. Splendid for the center of vases, or as a water plant; also a fine pot plant. Price 15 cts.

Daisy, *Giant White, or Mammoth Paris Daisy.* A new large flowering, semi-double variety of the true "Marguerite" of the Paris markets; large, pure white flowers, three inches in diameter, with a double row of petals surrounding the golden yellow disk. It is a vast improvement in size of flower, on the old "Marguerite," being twice as large and more numerous petals; lasting longer. It makes a grand display in a pot during the winter months, and will eventually supersede the old form completely. It originated in California, and is now offered to the retail trade. Price 10 cts.

Farfugium, *Grande.* A low growing foliage plant, remarkable for its shiny dark green foliage, which is irregularly blotched with bright yellow, and sometimes with white and rose. Easily grown, and a native of China; not a new plant, but not as well known as it should be, as it is a splendid window plant. Give plenty of water when in growing condition. (See cut.) Price 30 cts.

Freesia, *Refracta Alba.* Too much cannot be said of this beautiful bulb for forcing. Pure white tube-shaped flowers, having a most delicious perfume. A beautiful house plant, and grows easily in any good, rich, sandy soil. Flowers will keep two weeks after opening. One of the few Christmas flowers, and as soon as better known will be one of the most popular holiday decorations; also, it will be grown in large quantities by florists for cut flowers. Bulbs should be treated the same as winter flowering Oxalis, i. e., kept in dry earth or sand until August, then potted off six to ten bulbs in a six-inch pot; these will bloom in December or January. Later potted will of course bloom later. Like Oxalis, the

bulbs increase rapidly. Bulbs very cheap this season. Price, extra selected very large bulbs, 3 for 10 cts.; 30 cts. per doz.; large bulbs, 5 for 10 cts.; 20 cts. per doz.; small bulbs, but nearly all will bloom, 10 cts. per doz.

Feverfew, *Little Gem.* The great value of the old Dwarf Feverfew for cut flowers during the summer and fall is well known to florists and others. This variety which we now offer surpasses it in every way. It is very dwarf, attaining a height of only twelve inches. The flowers are larger, of more perfect form and of the purest white. Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for 75 cts.

Genista Racemosa. A beautiful yellow flowering greenhouse shrub, flowering so freely as to literally cover the plant with its rich golden yellow flowers when well grown. It is grown in large quantities by the leading florists for decorative purposes at Easter time. Price 10 cts.; larger, 25 cts.

Swainsonia, *Galegifolia Alba.* Pure white. (See cut). Price 15 cts.

Swainsonia, *Galegifolia Rubra.* Red, with small white eye. Price 20 cts.

The above are very desirable ever-blooming plants, with flowers produced in sprays of from twelve to twenty flowers each, the individual blooms resembling a Sweet Pea. As a decorative plant for the window or conservatory we know of nothing that will give as much satisfaction as the Swainsonia. Its easy culture, growing in almost any light position, its freedom of bloom, rarely ever being out of bloom, and the grace and beauty of the flower and entire plant will undoubtedly make this one of the most popular plants in cultivation.

Stevia Nana. An improvement on "Stevia Compacta;" similar in every respect except in height, which is considerably less than the old variety, which makes it more desirable. In full bloom at Christmas. Price 10 cts.

Solanum Rantonetti (new). The flower is of the very deepest and clearest blue, which is brought out more vividly by a yellow center. It is not a climber, but forms a neat little bush two feet high, which is covered with bloom during the entire summer, and almost until Christmas. Sure to become popular as soon as known, being as easy to grow and bloom as a Geranium, in pots or in the garden. Price 20 cts.

Sanseveria, *Zealanica.* A beautiful plant, splendidly adapted for the decoration of drawing-rooms and halls, as it stands drought and dust with impunity. The leaves grow to a length of three to four feet, and are beautifully striped crosswise with broad white variegations on a dark green ground. It is a rare and beautiful plant which should be abundantly grown for positions out of the reach of sunlight, where other plants will not thrive. When you consider that it may be placed in any position in any room and do well, its great usefulness is at once apparent. It has beauty for decorative purposes which other plants do not possess. (See cut). Price 15 cts.

Tuberose, *Excelsior Pearl.* A grower of cut flowers for the New York market, who has long been noted for his exceedingly fine florets of "Pearl" Tuberoses—which command a higher price than any other in the market—some fifteen years ago, when "Pearl" Tuberoses were first sold, selected the offsets from the bulb that had produced an exceptionally fine spike of large, beautifully formed flowers. The increase of this bulb, has been the only kind grown at this florist's place, and he has guarded the stock with the utmost care, with the result that in the past fifteen years not one single bulb has ever differed from the original characteristics. In order to designate this special stock, we call it the "Excelsior Pearl." Price, extra selected, very large bulbs, 8 cts. each, 4 for 25 cts.; nice blooming bulbs, 5 cts., 6 for 25 cts.; a fair assortment of above sizes, by express, 50 cts. per doz.

Hedychium, *Coronarium* (Butterfly Lily). This magnificent tuberous-rooted plant flourishes on low, moist land, in half-shade, where it will form a dense clump three or four feet high. From August, onward, a mass of fragrant, pure white flowers, looking almost like large white butterflies, borne in large clusters, terminal on every stalk. A splendid and desirable plant, an excellent companion to Cannas. Not hardy; should be taken up and treated same as Cannas in the winter. Also fine for conservatory, but rather

large for house culture. This plant is now being boomed by some florists under the name of "Myrosma Cannæfolia, or White Canna,"—and a new plant, but we have sold it under its true name for past five years. Not a new plant with us. Price 20 cts.

Hibiscus, *Rubra.* Large, double, of a fine shade of dark red or crimson. Very dwarf growth; a fine pot plant. Price 20 cts.

Hibiscus, *Auranticum.* Large, double, orange-colored flowers; an early and profuse bloomer. One of the best. Price 20 cts.

Hibiscus, *Grandiflora.* Rich, glossy foliage, blooming profusely during the summer, literally covering the plant with scarlet-crimson single flowers. Price 20 cts.

Hibiscus, *Sub Violaceous.* Flowers of enormous size, of a beautiful carmine, tinted with violet. Probably the largest flower of the Hybiscus family, and an unusually free-bloomer. We take great pleasure in recommending this fine plant. Price 20 cts.

Lantana, *Alba Perfecta.* Pure white, compact habit; fine. Price 10 cts.

Lantana, *Michael Schmidt.* Flowers fresh and sparkling, of a brilliant yellow, passing into purple-vermillion. Price 15 cts.

NOTE.—The Hibiscus and Lantanas are fine as house plants, but their greatest value is when bedded out. We recommend our customers to give them a trial. They can be wintered in cellar, same as an Oleander.

HARDY PERENNIALS.

The growing interest in hardy plants has induced us to enlarge our list so as to include the most desirable varieties. We also classify under above heading, that buyers need have no difficulty in knowing what plants are hardy. The plants in following list are of easy culture, and once obtained will bloom each year with increasing beauty, and by a good selection you can have the most varied of nature's floral production during the entire season.

Spirea, *Nana Compacta.* A new large flowering Spirea from Japan. This is a first-class novelty, and we thoroughly recommend it. In garden culture, it flowers freely during the summer, and is perfectly hardy. Its merit consists in compact growth, ample foliage of brilliant green and its wonderfully free production of feathery white flowers borne in plume-like panicles of magnificent proportions; will entirely supersede the old variety, as the individual flowers and spikes are twice the size, and much freer blooming. Fine for winter window garden, if potted in fall and treated same as Hyacinths. (See cut.) Price, clumps, 40 cts.; small roots, prepaid, by mail, 20 cts.

Aquilegia, *Nana Alba* (or Decoration Day flower). This dwarf white Aquilegia or Columbine, is one of the most valuable novelties of recent introduction. Our national holiday in remembrance of deceased soldiers, has become a day of floral memory, not only soldier for soldiers, or the public for the soldier, but in memoriam, friend for friend. The great demand for flowers on May 30, is best known to the florist, and has caused much study to find the best for this season. Among the many flowers used, we would call attention to the above. Price, small, 10 cts.; clumps, 30 cts.; seed, 10 cts.

Dialetra, *Spectabilis* (Bleeding Heart). One of the best known Perennials, with graceful, drooping racemes of heart-shaped flowers of rosy crimson and silvery white. Blooming in spring and early summer. Price, extra strong roots, 30 cts.; small, 10 cts.

Lychnis, *Flos Cuculi Plenissima Semperflorens.* Recently imported from Germany. Of easiest culture, requiring no special care, strong and quick in growth, and almost ever-blooming. Flowers rose color, and in large clusters, having a very light or feathery appearance. It can be planted out in summer, where it continues to bloom till wanted for winter blooms, or it can remain there over winter, it being a hardy perennial. Price 15 cts.

Anemone, *Whirlwind.* New double white, introduced last season by the Vicks, with following description; not yet tested by us. A semi-double form has been obtained of the beautiful autumn-blooming White Anemone, which is proved to be a permanent variety. In habit the plant is like the well known White Japan Anemone, the same strong growth and healthy foliage, and perhaps even more abundantly blooming. The flowers, which are two and a half to three inches across, have several rows of white sepals, and the blooms last much longer than those of the single variety. In most severe climates, a hard winter sometimes kills the crowns of unprotected plants of both the White and Red Japan Anemone, but after a test of five winters with the plants wholly exposed, the double variety has remained entirely without injury, showing that it is hardier than the other forms in cultivation. The plants grow quite evenly in height, from two to three feet; large foliage.

Price 20 cts.

Achillea, *The Gem* (or Pearl). One of the most popular hardy plants. The blooming quality of this splendid novelty is something remarkable, flowering in great profusion the first summer, while the second season it will bloom three to five times as much; is entirely hardy, and will last for years. The flowers, which are borne upon erect footstalks, are of the finest white, and closely resemble a Pompon Chrysanthemum. A grand acquisition for cutting purposes. Succeeds anywhere, and flowers nearly the whole season; one of the most valuable snow white flowering plants introduced for years. Fine for borders; for cut flowers; also, unsurpassed for cemetery planting. (See cut.)

Price 10 cts.

Eulalia Gracillima Univittata. The most beautiful and useful of all the hardy grasses. Narrow green leaves with a silvery white mid-rib. This plant is of most graceful habit and is very beautiful for decorative purposes and the center of vases, as well as making an attractive lawn plant. One of the finest hardy plants in existence.

Price 15 to 30 cts.

Campanula Persicæfolia Grandiflora. One of our finest hardy plants. Flowers in June, sending up fine spikes of pure white bell-shaped flowers. Their purity has also given this flower the title of "Angel Bells." Very hardy roots should be divided once in two years. The variety we offer is the new large flowering or improved sort; grand flowering hardy plant. (See cut.) Price 25 cts.

Monarda Didyma, (also known as Bee Balm, Oswego Tea, Horse Mint, etc.) A sweet scented herb with crimson flower heads. Excellent for border and cutting. In flower three months. Price 10 cts.

Myosotis Palustris, *Forget-me-not.* Light blue flowers, and in bloom the whole summer; very hardy, especially valuable for its remarkable blooming qualities. Price 15 cts.

Pansy, *Buguot's Superb.* This is the most famous of all the fancy strains, being blotched, stained and veined in unsurpassable beauty, and variety of coloring. Price, three for 20 cts.; twelve for 60 cts.; seed, 25 cts. per pkt. of about fifty seeds.

Pansy, *German Strain.* In many of the finest colors; no other strain equals it for great variety of shades and blending of colors. This Pansy blooms very freely. For variety, see collection Pansy seed. Sold only in mixed lots. Price, large plants, twelve for 50 cts.; smaller for mailing, twelve for 25 cts.; twenty-five for 50 cts.

Pansy, *Trimardeau.* A distinct and beautiful new race, the flowers of which are of very large size, and the plants may be expected to produce many of the beautiful shades of color that are found in other classes of this popular plant. The true "Trimardeau" Pansies of French origin, seed much less freely than any other class. The plants were grown from seed saved exclusively from finely formed flowers of the richest and most varied shades of color. Price, in fine mixed colors, large transplanted plants, 50 cts. per doz., express only; smaller for mailing, 50 cts. per doz.; postpaid; seed, 10 cts.

NOTE.—We include Pansies in hardy plant list, but unless pains are taken they will live but two years.

Heuchera Sanguinea. Truly a floral gem and one of the most valuable additions to the list of hardy flowering plants that has appeared in a long time. The foliage, which is evergreen, is beautifully cut and marbled and is very abundant. The flowers are borne in large, open, clean-stemmed panicles and are of the most clear, bright, cheerful and charming scarlet imaginable. Although the flowers are small, yet they are so numerous in each panicle, and the panicles are thrown up in such profusion, as to produce a most brilliant effect. Blooming as it does for a period of several weeks, and as each plant frequently sends up a dozen or more stems of its lovely flowers at a time, some idea of its beauty and value can be formed. If taken up late in fall, and potted, it will bloom in mid-winter. Price 25 cts.

Helianthus Multiflorus, *Double Dwarf Sunflower.* A double Perennial "Sunflower." It is a great addition to our hardy herbaceous plants. Its dark, golden yellow color is both fashionable and beautiful for cut flowers; grows from three to five feet in height; never fails to flower the first year of planting. Do not be prejudiced against this plant because it is only a "Sunflower." Give it a trial, and you will be surprised and delighted to find how beautiful it is. It is a hardy Perennial, coming up every year, but in extreme North it will need protection or can be taken up like Canna and Dahlias, and kept in cellar. Easily taken for a fine yellow Dahlia, only with ten times the number of blooms. Price 15 cts.

Rocket, *Hesperis.* Very pleasing early spring flowering, profuse blooming plants, with fragrant flowers, growing freely in any light rich soil. Flowers pure white and in full bloom on Decoration Day, fine for cutting, a very desirable plant. Price 15 cts., 4 for 50 cts.; seed, 5 cts.

Platycodon Grandiflorum. One of the very best perennial plants; in constant flower from early spring to late fall. It forms dense clumps, which are covered with a mass of bell-shaped flowers. Fine for cemetery, for garden or for cutting. Roots are hardy as a Pæony. Price 15 cts.

Hemerocallis Kwanso flore pleno, *Double Crown Day Lily.* Illustrated herewith, is a perfectly double flowering sort; a profuse bloomer. The flowers are produced in clusters; they are of a bright orange-yellow, and each petal is marked with a large crimson blotch, forming a circle around the flower, having elegant grassy foliage and handsome, deliciously fragrant flowers. They are perfectly hardy, and thrive in almost any kind of soil, preferring one that is rich, moist and in an open situation. (See cut.) Price 20 cts.

Hibiscus, *Crimson Eye.* By using some of the beautiful varieties of hardy plants, the garden is made a more permanent thing, and also, there is less annual expense in this way. This Hibiscus makes a strong, imposing plant, three or four feet high, bearing during the summer several hundred immense pure white flowers, each with a crimson spot in the center. These flowers are from one to two feet in circumference, so that the effect of a plant in full bloom will be seen to be something grand. Another grand point in favor of this plant is that every one succeeds with it. It does not have to be coaxed or nursed in order to make it do anything. It will make a beautiful show of flowers where nothing else would succeed. The colors are the most pleasing that could be imagined, the white being of the snowy purity of the Lily, and the crimson center like the loveliest of deep red Roses. Price, young roots, 15 cts.; strong 2-year roots, 30 cts.; seed, 10 cts.

Lily of the Valley. The beautiful delicate white flowers and the peculiar shade of green foliage render this class of plants extremely attractive and desirable, especially so grown out of doors. Used for a border they cannot be surpassed, as they are perfectly hardy and do not depend on care for their existence, though they respond quickly to it when given. Grown in pots and forced into flowers, they make a beautiful object for room decoration; for house culture place rather thickly in pots or boxes. Keep in cool place until mid-winter, then bring to window and give plenty of heat and some moisture, and the flowers will soon appear. Orders should not be sent later than May. Our pips (or roots) are of the new improved large flowering sort called the "New Russian." The best of all. Price 5 cts.; 40 cts. per doz.

Pyrethrum Uliginosum, *Giant Daisy.* A grand fall blooming plant, growing five feet high, and covered with large white flowers with yellow centers. Needs a moist, rich soil, and should be in every garden. No hardy plants in our grounds received so much praise as this fine Daisy, growing, as it does, from five to seven feet high, and forming in short time a clump from two to five feet across; beautiful as an ornamental plant; also fine for cutting. Price 25 cts.

Phlox, *White Lady.* The improvement that has been made in Hardy Garden or Perennial Phlox of recent years is truly wonderful. This variety instead of being a lot of tall, naked stems with small tufts of bloom at the top for a little while in midsummer as of old, are dwarf and stocky with flower heads eight to ten inches long and six to eight inches in diameter, and are produced from June until frost. One of the finest of its class. Pure snow white, a most profuse bloomer, and of dwarf, compact growth. Price 20 cts.

Phlox, *Wm. Robinson* (new). Fine truss of immense florets, often larger than a half dollar; color, new, of clear salmon, with a rosy crimson eye; extra fine, both in size and color. A showy variety, and very hardy. Price 20 cts.

Heliopsis Pitcherianus. A desirable hardy herbaceous plant, growing from two or three feet high, and a perpetual bloomer, beginning to flower early in the season and continuing in bloom the entire summer. The flowers are of a beautiful deep golden yellow color, about two inches in diameter, of very thick texture, and are very graceful for cutting, and lasting long when cut; and if left on plant the same blooms will remain four weeks in perfect condition, holding its petals longer than any other daisy-shaped flower. Price 15 cts.

Pæony. Double red; an extremely showy sort. Price, mailing size, 25 cts.; clumps, 40 cts.

Pæony. Double white; very large, one of the best. Price, mailing size, 25 cts.; clumps, 40 cts.

Genista Tinctoria. (Dyer's Broom or Woadwaxen). This is the plant that covers the hills near Salem, Mass., with a carpet of golden-yellow blossoms in June, as may be seen from the car windows. Fine for rockeries and dry hills, or for fixing steep banks. Price, small plants, 10 cts.

Japanese Iris Kaempferii. These are among the most beautiful of hardy plants and cannot fail to please the most fastidious. Their peculiar and quaint markings can be better imagined than described. They are exceedingly showy and last a long time in bloom. Some are self-colored, while others are marbled and tinted with different shades. The race is perfectly hardy and very easily grown. They require a good rich soil and if it be possible to plant them near a pond or in a damp position they will thrive the better, though this is not absolutely necessary, as they will make a splendid growth and bloom abundantly under the same conditions as most other hardy plants. The following are all double sorts: *J. C. Vaughn.*—The finest of all the double white sorts; very large, of fine form, and of the purest white. *Beth Hallock.*—Delicate lavender, slightly veined white; center clearly marked citron; extra fine satiny finish; coloring very delicate; a fancy sort. *Saturn.*—Deep rosy pink, shaded lavender, veined and suffused white; center yellow and white, one of the best. *Malmaison.*—Light ground, heavily veined with blue; with a beautiful crown or tufted center of rich violet. Price of above 25 cts. each.

German Iris. Finest mixed. Hardy, blooming early; good old-fashioned flower. Price 10 cts.

EVERGREENS.

Norway Spruce. Fine trees 2½ to 3 feet. Price, good specimens, 50 cts.

Arbor Vitae. Good trees, 2½ to 3½ feet high. Price, nice specimens, 50 cts.

Silver Fir, *Nordman's.* A symmetrical and imposing tree, the warm green of the young shoots contrasts finely with the rich, deep color of the old foliage. One of the finest of Evergreens. Young trees fifteen to eighteen inches high. Price 50 cts.

NOTE.—Special prices given on Arbor Vitae and Norway Spruce for hedging. They ship and transplant best in April and May.

HARDY VINES.

The following are all hardy vines, for permanent planting out doors.

Clematis, *Paniculata.* One of the most beautiful of our hardy-flowering vines. The flowers are pure white, and are borne in great panicles or clusters of bloom, fairly covering the plant, so that it is a mass or sheet of fleecy white. These clusters are borne on long slender stems, which stand out boldly from between the glossy green leaves, and the gentlest breeze causes wavy crests of white to flow gently over their surface. The fragrance is delicious, resembling the English Hawthorn blossoms, and is so subtile and penetrating that a large plant in bloom will fill the air with fragrance. It begins to bloom late in August or early in September, at a time when most other hardy climbers are out of bloom, an inestimable advantage. It is a strong, rapid grower, quickly reaching a height of from 15 to 20 feet, and spreading out when trained to wires or strings. It is perfectly hardy in all sections of the country, and we can unhesitatingly say that it is, in our opinion, the most valuable among hardy climbing vines. Price, 2-year, 25 cts.

Clematis, *Jackmanni.* The Clematis has advanced rapidly in public favor, and is justly considered one of the most beautiful climbers grown. The "Jackmanni" and other varieties of this class, produce their beautiful flowers in such profusion that the whole plant appears a sheet of bloom. The Clematis should have good, rich ground, and if partially shaded, so much the better. They are entirely hardy, but a light covering of leaves or straw during winter is desirable until fully established. In growing Clematis, plant "Jackmanni," first, and then think of others. Its rapidity of growth, matchless freedom in blooming, and the superb velvety purple of its large flowers, have always held it in that relation toward other Clematis which "Jacqueminot" holds to other hardy Roses. Perhaps three times as many "Jackmanni" are grown as of all the other varieties combined. Price, 3-year roots, $1.00.

Clematis, *Henryii.* Very large, pure white flowers; single. One of the finest and most beautiful Clematis, flowering profusely and very perfect; of this and above, we only have one size; as small weak plants when shipped are of little value. Price, strong 3-year roots, $1.00.

Wisteria Sinensis. A magnificent climber, with a rich foliage, and long racemes of very fragrant lilac flowers, which cover the whole plant in May and June; grows rapidly when well established. Price, extra large plants, 50 cts.; small by mail, 15 cts.

Ampelopsis Veitchi, *Boston Ivy.* An "Ampelopsis" of Japanese origin. It grows rapidly as the old "Virginia Creeper," and attains a height of fifty feet. It clings firmly to any wall, tree, etc. The leaves are small on young plants, which at first are of an olive green-brown color, changing to bright scarlet in the autumn. As the plant acquires age the leaves increase in size. This variety becomes more popular every season, and is without question one of the very best climbing plants for covering brick or stone walls. Hardy except in extreme north. Price, small, 10 cts.; strong plants, 25 cts.

Ampelopsis Quinquefolia, *Virginia Creeper.* A very rapid grower, with large dark green foliage, which changes in the fall to scarlet. A very desirable vine for covering arbors, verandas, etc. Extremely hardy. Price, small, 10 cts.; large, 25 to 50 cts.

Cinnamon Vine. A beautiful climber which possesses the rare quality of emitting from its flowers the odor of the cinnamon, and very appropriately called the "Cinnamon Vine." Perfectly hardy, the stem dying down every autumn, but growing again so rapidly in the spring as to completely cover any trellis or arbor very early in the season. It is as easily cultivated as the "Madeira Vine," has no insect enemies, and is not affected by drouth; has beautiful heart-shaped leaves, bright green peculiar foliage, and clusters of delicate white flowers, sending forth a delicious cinnamon odor, rendering it by far one of the most desirable climbers in cultivation. Planted near a door or window, and the vine trained over and about it, makes an ornament worthy of the admiration of all. Price, small roots, 5 cts.; six for 25 cts.; strong roots, 10 cts.; six for 50 cts.

Chinese Matrimony Vine (new). A most vigorous hardy climbing plant when trained to an arbor, fastened to a fence, attached to a tree, to the side of a house, the pillars of a piazza or in any location where a hardy, vigorous climber is desired. It sends out numerous side branches, so that it covers a great amount of space in a short time, and every new growth is at once covered with small purple flowers which are succeeded by brilliant scarlet berries nearly an inch long, every branch being loaded with them; the contrast between the glossy, dark green foliage and shining scarlet fruit is extremely beautiful, surpassing Holly in appearance. It continues flowering and new berries are forming from late spring until frost. The berries ripen in early autumn and remain on the vine late into the winter. The number of our hardy vines which can be grown without danger from frost in our northern states is limited, and none are more beautiful than this or as easy of culture. It will grow and thrive in any situation, either shade or bright sunlight, and will take root in any soil. (See cut.) Price 15 cts.; larger, 30 cts.

New Halliana Honeysuckle. A new variety introduced from Japan, and considered a great acquisition; it is ever green, and a constant bloomer; flowers white, changing to yellow; very fragrant; good for trellis or pillar; one of the very best varieties for all purposes. Price 15 cts.

Evergreen Sweet-Scented Honeysuckle. A hardy, vigorous grower; blooms nearly all the season; deliciously fragrant; flowers buff, yellow and white; very desirable for veranda, trellis work and screens. Price, small, 15 cts.

MARSHFIELD CENTER, May 24, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* Dear Messrs: The box of plants came in good order, and I am much pleased with their appearance. Very truly yours, MRS. C. W. LOVETT.

BRISTOL, N. H., March 13, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* The plants you sent March 12, filling my order, came today. I have ordered plants by mail for years, and among them all, none ever came in so fine condition as these you have sent. It was my first trial of your plants, but surely not the last.
CLARA A. R. FOWLER.

SOUTH GLASTONBURY, CONN., May 30, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* Gentlemen: Plants received in splendid condition. Many thanks. Yours, sincerely, MISS J. R. MILLER.

EAST WILTON, N. H., February 28, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* Dear Sirs: The box of plants came safely Wednesday a. m. Many thanks. I never saw finer ones and am very grateful for your selection.
Very sincerely, MRS. B. M. HEALD.

STONEHAM, MASS., May 22, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* Plants arrived this morning in first-class condition, and they are positively the best plants I have ever received in a five or six years' experience with as many firms. Yours, KATE L. ROGERS.

Flower Seed.

In the rapid and growing taste for flowers, the seedsman has been a most important factor, supplying at moderate cost, hundreds of varieties in annuals and hardy perennials for open air culture, as well as finer and more tender sorts for the house and greenhouse. The following seeds which we offer our customers, have been grown by ourselves or by experts in this country, France, Germany, or wherever the most favorable conditions are found to develop perfect flowers, and we feel assured in saying that no seedsman can offer more fresh or finer strains that can be furnished by us, as we know ours are as good as the best, and much better than large quantities which are placed on the market each season. We would also call attention to the fact that with our greenhouse facilities, we are enabled to test the germinating qualities of each variety, so that we know before placing any in packets that it will under fair conditions give to the buyer perfect satisfaction. To the many who will see our seed list for the first time, we would mention that the seed business is no new experiment, that we have dealt in seeds for twenty-five years, and have a very large list of patrons over the entire United States and Canada. We would respectfully request a trial order.

HOW TO SOW FLOWER SEED.

A shallow box is best to sow flower seed in. Make two or three holes in the bottom for drainage and fill nearly to the top with rich loam, *without manure*. Sow the seed evenly. Take two parts of pure sand to one of loam, and mix well. Place a small quantity of this in a fine sieve (it will not hurt your flour sieve if you have no other); do not shake it, but take one hand and rub the dirt through, watching the box, so as to cover it evenly. Small seed like Petunia, Cineraria, etc., should be but slightly covered; while the larger ones like Asters, Verbenas, etc., will do better if one-eighth of an inch of this fine covering material is used. Sprinkle after covering. Cut or fold a piece of cloth or paper the size of inside of box, wet and lay directly on the earth; this should remain till the seedlings are seen breaking through the ground, when it should be taken off, the box placed in a sunny window; not kept too wet, or they will damp off (rot at top of ground). As soon as the second leaves are well out, they should be transplanted into pots or boxes. Small quantities of well decayed manure should then be used. Small seed sown in open ground should be covered but one-fourth to one-half inch deep; sprinkle surface well after covering seed. Then cover entire surface of bed with old hay, grass, newspapers, or any covering material at hand; leave it on bed till young plants begin to break ground, to come up.

COLLECTION PACKETS.

Our collections if bought in separate packages, each kind or color by itself, would cost customers at 10 cts. per paper, from $1.00 to $2.50. We know of no other method by which so large a quantity of first-class seed can be sold for so small an amount of money. Each year we have sold more of these collections than on the preceding season, and at this time our sale warrants us in the assertion that there is not a more popular form of selling choice seed now in use in this country. Large quantities are sold to amateurs in every state, also in Canada, and besides this their reputation has brought us many florists as customers. Immense quantities of poorer seed are sold, *but none better*. New customers are requested to give this class of seed a trial.

COLLECTION PANSIES.

Extra German Pansy seed in twenty-five following varieties. *King of the Blacks*, coal black; *Emperor William*, new, fine, large flower, ultramarine blue with purple-violet eye; *Azure Blue*, extra fine; *Light Blue*, lovely shades, nearly sky-blue; *Violet*, with white border, extra; *Striped and Mottled*, extra and very showy; *Yellow Margined*, beautiful, with margin of yellow; *Mahogany-colored*, fine variety; *White*, sometimes slightly marked with purple; *Brown-Red*, an odd color; *Quadricolor*, a fine new combination of colors, very beautiful; *Snow Queen*, fine, pure white, new; *Havana Brown*, new shades; *Fawn Color*, a beautiful new color; *Black-Blue*, very dark color, striking and constant; *Atropurpurea Albo Maginata*, edge silver, new and beautiful; *Earl Beaconsfield*, purple, upper petals shaded blue; *Trimardeux*, the mammoth strain of Pansies, extra; *Black*, bronze center, a beautiful new variety with fine shading; *Bronze*, beautiful bronze color; *Fire King*, new golden yellow, upper petals purple, very showy; *Cassier's Large Blotched*, a fancy strain in beautiful tints; *Meteor*, new, very bright brown; *Peacock*, a novelty, large flowered, slate blue, with white edge; *Victoria*, the new red variety, very bright. Twenty seeds each of above twenty-five varieties, 500 in all. Price 25 cts.

NOTE. — We can furnish any of above twenty-five varieties in separate packets of about one hundred seeds at 10 cts. per packet, except "Cassier's," "Meteor," "Peacock" and "Victoria" are 15 cts. each per packet.

These collection packets are filled as follows: For example take the Pansy. We first take twenty seeds "King of Blacks," then twenty "Emperor William," and so on; twenty seeds of each, until we have twenty-five varieties; they are then *all put into one packet* and sealed. You will make no mistake if you plant this brand.

DEXTER, MAINE. — *Ellis Bros.* I received seeds all right; I think your seeds the finest I ever used, and the largest packages. MRS. C. H. WYMAN.

CARIBOU, MAINE. — *Ellis Bros.* I will get my order in early. I have tried a number of seed houses, and like yours best for this reason: the seed and plants so far have proved true to name. I enclose $1.00 for the seeds as offered in your catalogue. MRS. INEZ GARY.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., March 12, 1895. — *Ellis Bros.* Dear Sirs: Please send to my address one collection package of your Pansy Seeds. I have had them for several years past and find none more beautiful. Very truly, GRETA LORD.

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS., Feb. 19, 1895. — *Ellis Bros.* I have had Pansy seed for cold frames and early blooming from many different places for years, and on the whole, I get the best satisfaction from your seeds, and my Pansy bed is the admiration of my friends. Respectfully, MRS. C. P. JEFFERS.

NORTH CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Oct. 1, 1895. — *Ellis Bros.* Gentlemen: I wish to tell you that everything I have had of you has given entire satisfaction, which is saying a good deal, I think, considering that the list includes seeds, bulbs, plants for house, and plants for garden.
Very truly yours, MRS. MARY S. P. GUILD.

COLLECTION TOM THUMB NASTURTIUM.

Crystal Palace Gem, sulphur colored flowers with dark red spots near base of petals; *King of Tom Thumbs*, bluish green foliage, intense scarlet flower, very showy; *Pearl*, creamy white; *Golden King*, deep golden yellow flowers, dark foliage; *Spotted*, flowers beautifully spotted; *Ruby King*, pink, shaded carmine, contrasting beautifully with its dark foliage; *King Theodore*, bluish green foliage, flowers almost black; *Atropurpureum*, dark crimson; *Empress of India*, splendid new dark-leaved variety, flowers crimson; *Beauty*, fine yellow, flushed and shaded vermilion; *Ladybird* (new), the ground color of the flower is rich golden yellow, each petal barred with a broad vein of bright ruby crimson; *Aurora* (new), a shade of pink, beautiful. Ten seeds each of above twelve varieties, 120 seeds in all. Price 25 cts.

NOTE.—We can furnish, when desired, any of above varieties in separate packets (of fifteen to twenty seed). Price 5 cts.

Ellis Bros. Your seeds give perfect satisfaction. I think every seed grows. Your Asters are lovely, and your Pinks and Nasturtiums can't be beat. MRS. ALMON ANGELL.

COLLECTION ASTER.

Truffaut's Perfection. Large Flowered, Snow White, Rose, Dark Blood Red, Light Blue, Black-Blue, Glowing Dark Crimson, White and Black-Blue, Rose and White, Carmine, Carmine and White, Crimson Ball, Dark Crimson and White, Dark Red and White, Victoria Red, Lilac Red and White, Violet, Dark Scarlet and White, Sky Blue and White, Black-Blue and White, Light Blue and White. The finest collection of Asters ever offered. Ten seeds each of above twenty varieties, two hundred in all. We shall this season include in our collection, a few seeds each, White Comet, Pink Comet, Semple's White and Mary Semple Asters. Price 25 cts.

ADAMS, MASS.—*Ellis Bros.* Gentlemen. The seeds I had of you last year were the best and cheapest collections of seeds I ever bought of any firm at any price. I have bought a great many collections of Asters, but I have never had such a large number of plants (over 200), or such a large variety as I had from the packet I bought of you. When I say this, it means a good deal. Asters are my special hobby. Last year I set out over 3,000 plants simply for my own pleasure. You are perfect strangers to me, yet I am willing to give you the credit you well deserve for sending out such liberal packets of high grade seed. N.B.—The Semple Asters were also very fine and very satisfactory. Very truly yours, F. D. BROWN.

ANDOVER, N. H., Feb. 26, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* The Asters bought of you were the finest I ever raised; took first premium at New Hampshire State Grange Fair last year and the year before.
MRS. WILLIAM MORRILL.

COLLECTION DIANTHUS.

Eastern Queen, beautifully marbled: *Diadem*, mottled, extra: *Heddewigi Hybrids*, great variety: *Atropurpurea*, fine dark shades: *Laciniatus*, fringed: *Striatus*, striped varieties; *Nanas Albus*, new, dwarf white; *Bride*, new, white with dark center, very fine; *Mourning Pink*, a new sort, very beautiful; *Imperialis*, fine double, mixed.

The above ten varieties are the finest of all Dianthus; forty seeds of each, four hundred in all, price 25 cts., or any one of ten varieties in packets of about one hundred seeds. Price 10 cts.

CONCORD, April 3, 1896.—*Ellis Bros.* The flowers from Collection Dianthus were so lovely that I could not spare a flower. I have bought seeds of you for several years, and I find that in all varieties you have the best. You may use my name if you care to, for "Honor to whom honor is due," and I always have better success with your seeds than any others. Cordially yours, MRS. W. J. M. GATES.

COLLECTION VERBENA.

Defiance, splendid scarlet, coming true from seed, very fine and bright, equal in color to the best named sorts: *Italian Striped*, carnation striped, from a fine collection of brilliant colors, many of them coming beautifully striped or splashed: *Large Eyed*, a large per cent. may be expected to give flowers with center of floret of another color: *Cœrulea*, in shades of blue from light to dark: *Candidissima* (or Sea Foam), large trusses of purest white, true from seed, extra fine: *Mammoth* (new), in a fine variety of colors; the finest strain in the world. Twenty-five seeds of each of above six varieties, 150 in all. Price 25 cts.

COLLECTION TEN WEEKS' STOCK.

New, Large Flowering Giant Stocks, in following twelve beautiful colors: Sulphur Yellow, Fiery Crimson, Brick Red, Light Blue, Brown-Violet, Ash Gray, Dark Brown, Old Rose, Mauve, Purple, White, Blush.

A very large per cent. of the above will come in extra large double flowers. Twenty-five seeds each of above twelve varieties. Price 25 cts.

COLLECTION PRIMULA, (Double.)

Finest double fringed varieties. *Fimbriata Alba*, fl. pl., fine double white, fringed; *Fimbriata Ker.*, fl. pl., fine double crimson; *Fimbriata Striata*, fl. pl., double, striped, various shades: *Fimbriata Atropurpurea*, fl. pl., fine double dark shades. Crimson King, new; Fairy Queen, a charming blush.

Price, five seeds each, thirty in all, 50 cts.

LARGE FLOWERING FRINGED PRIMULAS, (Single.)

Punctata Elegantissima, new variety, flowers velvety crimson, edges spotted with white, very distinct; *Striata*, a beautiful striped sort; *Fern Leaf*, in variety, fine; *Coccinea*, flowers of the largest size, of a beautiful brilliant scarlet, with a clear sulphur eye, exquisitely fringed; *Globosa Alba*, a splendid new and improved white variety, heavily fringed, extra fine; *Globosa Kermesina Splendens*, an improved deep crimson sort, deeply fringed, very bright and distinct; *Globosa Carnea*, new variety, very fine; *Punctata Atropurpurea*, a beautiful and showy variety; *Cristata*, semi-double variety with odd and beautiful foliage; *Pulcherrima*, white, with rose or lilac center; very fine.

Five seeds of each of above—ten fringed sorts—making the most desirable packet of Primrose offered in the world, and at one-half the price asked by most seedsmen for much inferior stock and a less quantity. Its germinating quality has been fully tested by us. Price 25 cts.

NOTE.—We can supply (to those who want certain varieties of colors) any of the above Primulas in separate packets. Each packet contains about twenty-five seeds. Price 25 cts. each.

WINTHROP HEIGHTS, D. C., March 4, 1896.—*Messrs. Ellis Bros.* Dear Sirs: Many thanks for catalogue. It is to me the most attractive and refined which I receive. I have been unable the last two seasons to raise my Primulas, but those bought have not been nearly as fine as those from Ellis's seeds.
Respectfully yours, MISS MARY AUGUSTA JOHNSON.

SPARTA, MICH., Feb. 26, 1895.—*Ellis Bros.* My collection of Primula I got of you last year, was just splendid. I have a large table of flowers, and every one that sees them, admires them, and would like seed. MRS. G. R. WALCOTT.

NEW LONDON, N. H.—*Ellis Bros.* Dear Sirs: The collection packet of Primula seed I had of you last year, was just splendid. I believe every seed germinated. I had over thirty fine plants, and they were admired by every one who saw them. Respectfully, MRS. J. S. BOHANAN.

COATICOOK, P. Q.—*Ellis Bros.* Dear Sirs: Primula, Stocks and Asters, I found them most excellent, germinating freely, and giving me very fine plants; the Primulas handsomer than any I ever saw before. MRS. C. D. DYKE.

PETUNIA GRANDIFLORA HYBRIDS.

Large Flowering Section in ten finest named varieties; also,

The Fringed Section in five varieties.

The flowers of both sections are of immense size and of fine color, far superior to the ordinary Petunia. Twenty seeds each of fifteen kinds, three hundred in all. Price 25 cts.

DETROIT, MICH.—*Ellis Bros.* Your Petunias were the finest we had, large, healthy plants, and large and finely fringed with velvety lustrous surface and exquisite colorings.
Yours, HORACE GREG.

COLLECTION LARGE FLOWERED AND FANCY PHLOX DRUMMONDII.

Alba, magnificent large white flower; *Alba Oculata*, white with colored eye; *Atropurpurea*, deep blood purple; *Atropurpurea Alba Oculata*, blood purple with large eye: *Alba Striata*, blood purple, striped; *Chamois Rose*, shades of light pink; *Coccinea Striata*, scarlet striped; *Isabellina*, straw color, flowers of extra size and fine form; *Kermesina Splendens*, vivid red, very showy; *Kermesina Striata*, vivid red, striped; *Lepoldi*, deep pink, white eye; *Quadricolor Rosea*, rose color, shaded; *Quadricolor Violeacea*, violet color, shaded; *Rosea Striata*, rose color, striped, very fine; *Rosea Alba Oculata*, rose color, white eye; *Stellata*, beautiful sorts with large star in center; *Violacea Alba Oculata*, violet, with large white eye, very fine; *Brilliant*, named for its bright color; *Cuspidata*, *New Star Phlox*, long points to petals, very odd; *Fimbriata*, new, extra fine, with toothed or fringed petals.

Twenty seeds each of above twenty varieties of large flowering and fancy Phloxes, 400 seeds in all. Price 25 cts.

Separate colors of above in packets of from fifty to 100 seeds. Price 10 cts.

NOTE.—With the exception of two last fancy sorts, the above named Phloxes are

all of the "Grandiflora" or large flowered sort, and it is with pride that we can send this fine collection to our customers of this season; its equal will not be sent out by any other firm, as we are bound to place our collection Phlox the equal in popular favor with our Pansies, Asters and Primulas, as we have studied to get into one packet the finest set of colors the world affords.

COLLECTION BALSAM.

White, Light Lemon, Flesh Color, Rosy Buff, Pomegranate, Red, Purple, Lilac, Violet, Tricolor, Rose Spotted, Pure Scarlet, Striped, Solferino, Atrosanguinea, Blood Red, White Tinged Rose. Five seeds each of above sixteen sorts, eighty in all. A fine collection. Price 25 cts.

CONCORD, N. H.—*Ellis Bros.* Gentlemen: I wish to tell you how much I like your collection of Balsams. I have had seeds from Farquhars, Henderson, John Lewis Childs and others, but I never had such beautiful Balsams as I raised last year from one of your collection packets. They are simply beautiful, and were admired by all who saw them. Respectfully, Mrs. W. J. G.

OAKDALE STATION, PA.—*Ellis Bros.* Aster and Dianthus from seed bought of you, were simply superb. A. A. MILLER.

GUTHRIE CENTRE, IOWA, March 11, 1895.—*Ellis Bros.* Sirs: Your kind attention is called to the enclosed plant and seed order. As yet, no disappointment has ever been experienced by us in dealing with your firm. I remain, yours, etc., FIDELIA A. LANE.

SWEET PEAS.

Our list contains the best varieties in the different shades and colors. All seed sold by us has been grown by one of the most expert Sweet Pea growers in the world, and in a location specially adapted to growing the best stock.

Aurora. It is impossible to over-praise the striking beauty of this gigantic-flowered new Sweet Pea. The flowers are of fine substance, full expanded form, and are truly gigantic in size. The immense flowers are borne three and four on a stem; the stems are extra long and strong. The vines are vigorous in growth and bloom most profusely. The color effect is gorgeous; both standard and wings are flaked and striped on a white ground, with bright orange-salmon. Introduced by Burpee & Co. and sold in their original packets. Price 15 cts.

Red Riding Hood. A quaint new Sweet Pea from California. This is an entirely new departure in form, and might be called the "freak" Sweet Pea. It is appropriately named "Red Riding Hood," for it is as close an imitation of a diminutive hood as could be made. The standard forms a perfect back, ruffled into the wings which form the sides, from between which peeps a bit of the white keel, quite like a face. The standard and wings are a rosy pink, shading to bluish white at the calyx. A packet contains twenty-five seeds. Price 10 cts.

Ramona (new). Grand flowers of improved hooded form and unusually large

size, rivaling the very largest, both in size and form. Its coloring is delicately beautiful; a creamy-white, daintily splashed and striped with pale pink on both wings and standard. It is a vigorous grower and usually bears four blossoms to the stem. It has the finest grandiflora form, and is of excellent substance. The soft flesh-pink stripes on white ground are very dainty, and its beauty is of the delicate order.

Price 10 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

Gray Friar. This is decidedly gray in color, unlike any other Sweet Pea in cultivation. The flowers are very large and of fine hooded form, while the light gray color makes a most distinct and pretty effect, both on the vines and as cut flowers. The plant is a vigorous grower and free bloomer. Price 10 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

Daybreak. In color it has a white ground and on the reverse of the standard is a crimson-scarlet cloud, which shows through in the fine veins and network, giving to the center of the front of the standard a fine crimson-scarlet watered effect, the outer margins being white. The wings should be white, but are sometimes slightly flaked with crimson. It is a perfect germinator, a thrifty grower, and a free bloomer.

Price 10 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

Katherine Tracy (new). Its form is perfect. The large standard is perfectly round, very thick, expanded and nearly flat, but with sufficient curve to avoid stiffness. The wings are large and broad, and do not roll, but curve inward with exquisite grace, thus forming a very large, bold, but graceful flower of such splendid substance as to retain its perfection of form much longer than most sorts. The color is soft but brilliant pink of precisely the same shade in wings and standard, retaining its brilliancy to the last, burning and fading less than any other pink variety. In hardiness, prolific flowering habit, durability and practical usefulness, this is greatly superior to many large flowering sorts of recent introduction. Its large open flower, soft but brilliant color, will always make it a favorite. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Double Sweet Peas. New mixed; from thirty to fifty per cent. of these will come true, i. e., with extra petals, Not any more beautiful than the singles, but as some of our customers may wish to give them a trial, we offer a mixture equal to that offered by other seedsmen. Price 10 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

Apple Blossom. Large pointed flowers, shaded pink and rose, tinted deepest in standards, well named. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Cupid. The only dwarf Sweet Pea ever known. The foliage is very dark green; blossoms pure waxy white, of unequalled substance. The plant does not grow over five to eight inches high, and never more than twelve to fifteen inches in diameter. It is a wonderfully free bloomer and begins to flower early, and continues until October. The flowers are the size of the "Emily Henderson," but with more substance in the petals of both wings and standards than any other Sweet Pea. This fine novelty will be found very useful for cut flowers, floral work, borders to flower beds; also, extra nice as a pot plant. Price 10 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Primrose. Very distinct, and the nearest approach to yellow found in Sweet Peas. The entire flower being of a pale primrose yellow color, large, of good substance and finely formed. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Mrs. Gladstone. One of the most delicately shaded varieties in our entire list; when opening, the blooms are buff and light pink, changing to a beautiful soft blush, darker at base of petals. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Miss Blanche Ferry (or Improved Painted Lady). After thorough trials we can most heartily recommend this new early flowering Sweet Pea. It bears large pink and white flowers like "Painted Lady," but is very much more free-flowering, and at least ten days earlier in blooming. Compared with "Painted Lady," the flowers have

a deeper, richer coloring and greater fragrance. Earlier, more and finer flowers, longer in bloom, and more dwarf, A market sort. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Boreatton. A grand variety with very large flowers, borne in threes upon long stems: the color is a fine deep maroon throughout: nothing like it; rendering this variety most desirable. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Emily Henderson. This new white Sweet Pea is absolutely pure white. The flowers are extra large, of remarkable substance, and in form, perfection. The stems are stiff and long, supporting the blossoms so that they stand out boldly, giving this variety an added value for cutting. In earliness and long continued bloom, it outrivals all competitors, flowering nearly two weeks earlier than any of the varieties in our grounds and continues a veritable "cut-and-come-again" to the end of Autumn. Fragrance is most delicious, The best white. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

The Senator. Standards splendidly expanded, color chocolate, shaded and striped creamy white. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Lottie Eckford. Lovely, long-stemmed flowers, borne profusely in clusters of three; both standard and wings are clear white, delicately shaded porcelain blue, distinctly and broadly margined lavender. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Captain of the Blues. One of the largest blue flowered sorts. Standard very broad and bright purple-blue; wings broad, expanded and a lighter and brighter blue than the standard. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Countess of Radnor. Flowers medium sized; standard broad, waved at edge, pale lilac, shaded mauve; wings pale lilac. A distinct and beautiful variety. One of Eckford's best. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

The Queen. Soft, rosy pink, shaded with lavender; a beautiful and pleasing sort. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Orange Prince. The rarest of all colors; awarded first-class certificate, R. H. S. The grand, long-stemmed flowers are bright orange-pink, flashed with scarlet; very distinct and beautiful. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Monarch. Splendid large flowers: standards bronzy crimson, wings, a rich, deep blue; three flowers on a stem. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Adonis. New, carmine-rose; a lovely shade. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Princess of Wales. A lovely variety, shaded and stained with mauve on a white ground in a most pleasing manner. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Butterfly. White ground, laced with lavender blue. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Painted Lady. Well known pink and white variety. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Invincible Carmine (Cardinal Beauty). A splendid robust growing variety, producing a great profusion of bright, glowing carmine flowers, the brightest colored of all Sweet Peas. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Scarlet Invincible. Remarkably fragrant, with bright scarlet-crimson flowers. Best scarlet. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Ellis Bros.' New Mixed. Our own mixture of choicest of above with many other new varieties introduced by Mr. Eckford, and known as "Eckford's Newest Mixture," all combining to make one of the finest assortments, which will surely please. Price, large packets, 10 cts.; oz., 15 cts.; 3 ozs., 40 cts.

Older varieties, but a good mixture. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; 3 ozs., 25 cts.

NOTE.—Sweet Peas, great favorities, but never as popular as now. Our sales are very large, which is in part due to our care to sell only *new seed*, grown *for us* in one of the most favorable locations in the world for the growing of this seed. Our list is very select, we offer only the best in the finest and most decided colors, in both new and older sorts. If sown very early, should not be covered more than one-half inch deep.

DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF FLOWER SEEDS.

Aster, *Sinensis.* The single flowering Asters of our grandmothers and great grandmothers, in many fine colors. Price 15 cts.

Fancy Asters. We are enabled, this season, to place within reach of any of our customers, and at moderate expense, the finest assortment of Fancy Asters ever offered in one package. These are selected by us, the fancy shades from the various classes of large flowering Asters, and then combined in one package, over thirty different shades and colors. We name only a few: White, with blood red center; Rose and White, Lilac and White, Light Blue and White, White, with buff center; Crimson and White, White and Dark Lilac, Light Yellow, Light Blue, tipped white; Cinnabar Crimson and White, White, turning to azure blue; Apple Blossom, Indigo and White, Harlequin striped, assorted colors with white centers; Light Pink and White, and many varieties in fancy shades. We think Aster seed has never been offered by any seedsmen, combining so many shades in one package. It will please customers to be able to procure so large a variety at so small a cost. Price 20 cts.

Aster, *Yellow.* In this new variety we have the nearest approach to pure yellow yet found in Asters. Color, pure bright sulphur yellow, the center being made up in globe shape, very solid with these yellow quills, and bordered with wider petals of a lighter shade. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Giant Comet.* Sulphur yellow. A new French introduction; received a certificate from the National French Horticultural society. In our trial of this Aster the past season we have found it an elegant sort, but can not call it yellow, yet many of the blooms show quite yellow at base of petals; the blooms are of immense size. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Lady in White* (new). Two features distinguish this Aster from all others —its unapproached freedom of flowering and a perfectly distinct foliage. In all other Asters the leaves are ovate, i. e., broad at the base and tapering slightly towards the top; those of this new variety are of a long and very narrow shape. These two qualities combined give to the plants an extremely graceful appearance and relieve them of that stiffness common to most other classes of Aster. No plant produces less than forty buds, while some bear as many as seventy, which come into flower gradually and so prolong the blooming period into the late autumn. We have in this new Aster a novelty of the first rank, and the "Lady in White" will doubtless attain a wide popularity, as it is of inestimable value for bedding, for pots, and especially cut flowers and floral work. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Comet Pink.* A fine early blooming variety, color pink. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Comet Blue.* Same as above except in color. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Comet White.* A new, mammoth white variety of this popular strain. Flower similar to pink and blue "Comet," except they are larger, more fluffy and graceful, and plants are much larger and stronger in growth. One of the most pleasing of all varieties, either for ornamental beds or for cutting. Our seed is from the genuine large sorts, and as good as the best offered in the country. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Comet.* Above sorts mixed. Price 10 cts.

The shape of the flowers in the above new class, differs from all other Asters in cultivation, resembling closely the large flowered Japanese Chrysanthemums. The petals are long, somewhat twisted or wavy-like, are recurved from the center of the flower to the outer petals in such a regular manner as to form a loose, but still dense half globe. The flowers are from three and one-half to four and one-half inches in diameter; perfectly double.

Aster, *Mignon.* Flowers small to medium in size and pure white; a profuse bloomer. The fine qualities of this Aster have been amply demonstrated by the experience of last season, and it will rank henceforth as one of the most desirable kinds; fine for cutting. Price, mixed, 10 cts.; pure white, 10 cts.

Aster, *Mary Semple.* New Chrysanthemum flowered Aster, of a beautiful shade of pale pink, the finest late variety we have ever grown. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Semple's White.* Similar to above only pure white. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Semple's Lavender.* Same growth and shape as above. Color a very pleasing shade of light lavender. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Semple's Mixed.* Mixed seed of above three sorts. Price 10 cts.

The above Asters originated with James Semple of Pennsylvania. The seed from which we grew our present stock, cost us $1.00 per packet, and we found it as advertised, the very best late Aster yet in the trade. Three years ago we introduced these Asters, and we pride ourselves in being the first retail seedsmen in the country to offer them to their customers. They are now the most popular varieties on sale in nearly all our large cities. All are of the branching class, long stems, requiring plenty of room, not nearer than fifteen inches each way, and if ground is good you will have Asters that are the wonder of your friends. A box of flowers was sent to the editor of the American Florist. He acknowledged the receipt of same as follows, in next issue of paper:

"Of the ten blooms sent, none were less than three and one-half inches, and some were almost full four inches across. When lifted from the box and seen at a short distance we thought they were certainly some very early Chrysanthemums. The colors were excellent; the pink is a beautiful shade, and the white a good clear tone. They were decidedly the best Asters we have seen. Such flowers will be heartily welcomed."

ROUND POND, ME., Feb. 19, 1895.—*Ellis Bros.* Dear Sirs: I must not fail to speak of the "Mary Semple" Aster, which I raised from seed ordered from you last year. They were the most beautiful Asters I ever saw and were greatly admired by all. Yours truly, MRS. W. C. THOMPSON.

BELFAST, ME., March 28, 1895.—*Ellis Bros.* I have sent one order for seed, for my own planting, but my friends want some Asters like those I grew last year, "Mary Semple" and "Semple's White," and so I send again. Our florist does not grow any like them. They are the finest Asters I have grown; last year all of my Asters were a failure, except these. Yours respectfully, MRS. GEO. F. RYAN

HILLSBORO', N. H.—*Ellis Bros.* We had some of the finest Asters that was ever seen in town, and we took the first premium on them at our fair; they were "Mary Semple." All of the seeds received of you last year, proved first-class. Yours respectfully, MRS. F. A. McCLINTOCK.

The following is from florists who have seen these Asters, as grown by Mr. S.

PITTSBURGH.—*Mr. Semple:* I consider your Asters, "Mary Semple" and "Semple's White" the finest strain without exception, that I ever saw. Yours truly, N. PATTERSON.

ALLEGHENY, PA.—*Mr. Semple:* We can tell every florist in the country, it is the best Aster in cut flowers for florists' use; has long stems, and in good colors. LUDWIG & RICHTER.

ALLEGHENY. After years of careful selection of the most perfect flowers of Asters saved for seed, Mr. Semple has brought this fine strain of Asters up to perfection. The fine perfect flowers, long stems and delicate colors, make this a perfect gem of Asters. As I have seen them growing in the field, must pronounce them the finest sight that ever came to my notice of Asters. WALTER HARVEY, Florist.

Aster, *Princess* (or Snowball). Undoubtedly one of the finest white Asters. Resembling a white Liliput Dahlia. In form they are semi-spherical and composed of quite short and very thickly set imbricated petals. A single plant develops as many as thirty pure white flowers, which, by reason of their refined and faultless form, may be utilized with the greatest advantage for all purposes for which white flowers are in request, more especially as they remain longer in good condition than any others. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Truffaut's Perfection.* This improved Perfection Aster is now acknowledged as among the finest for ornamental beds, for cutting purposes or for exhibition, being of strong growth, large bloom, which is extra double, and of fine form. (See also Collection Packet.) The above in following colors separate, viz: Snow white, blood red, pink, and blue. Price, either color, 10 cts.

Aster, *Truffaut's Perfection.* Many colors, extra fine, mixed. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Truffaut's Perfection.* Good quality, mixed. Price 5 cts.

Aster, *Rose Flowered.* The flowers are large and double, the outer petals finely recurved and the inner ones incurved like a rose; two feet in height; extra choice mixed. A splendid Aster. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Victoria Needle.* One of the finest of the quilled Asters. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *Vick's Branching.* A largely advertised white Aster, quite similar to "Semple's White." We offer genuine stock. Price 10 cts.

Aster, *New Victoria* (Large Flowered). It is impossible to speak too highly of this magnificently imbricated Aster. The blossoms are large and distinguished by an elegant and regular overlapping of the petals, thus giving to the flowers a distinctive character. The growth is an elegant pyramid, and each plant grows from twenty to forty flowers. The colors include many extremely delicate and some gorgeous shades. Also variegated. Price, finest mixed, 15 cts.

Aster, *Dwarf Queen.* This magnificent new Aster has given excellent satisfaction. The dwarf, bushy plants grow only ten to twelve inches high, and while branching very freely, the branches are upright, make a dense, compact bush—excellent for pot culture as well as for bedding. The flowers are of extraordinary size, perfectly double, and resembles the finest Victoria Asters in form. Excellent for cutting, or for ornamental beds. Price, pure white, 10 cts.; mixed, 10 cts.

Aster, *Dwarf Chrysanthemum Flowered.* A splendid race of dwarf, compact habit, nine inches in height; flowers large and produced when other varieties are out of bloom; mixed. Price 5 cts.

Aster, *German Quilled.* Double quilled flowers, mixed colors. Price 5 cts.

Aster, *Dwarf Pyramidal Bouquet.* Grows only about one foot high, growing in bouquet shape; mixed colors. Price 10 cts.

Aster. All sorts mixed. This will suit the children. Many kinds, lots of colors, large packages, good and cheap. Price 5 cts.

NOTE.—We would call special attention to our Collection Asters, Fancy Asters, Comet Asters. Pink Comet especially makes a very fine ornamental bed for lawn, growing to same height, blooming at same time, and holding bloom well; also the Semple's Asters, which need no recommendation to old customers. They are best of all the late Asters. New customers should give them a trial, as they will give satisfaction where any Aster will; all new seed germinating quickly and giving great pleasure and value.

Abutilon. Flowers freely during the spring and winter months in the house, and during summer when bedded out; the flowers are bell-shaped. Tender perennial, fine mixed. Price 10 cts.

Aquilegia, *Chrysantha* (Golden Spurred Columbine). A beautiful variety; flowers bright yellow, produced freely all summer; very hardy. Price 10 cts.

Aquilegia, *Columbine.* Hardy perennials, extra quality, mixed. Price 10 cts.

Aquilegia, *Chrysantha Nana Alba* (new). Early blooming, dwarf white Columbine or "Decoration Day Flower," one of the most valuable new plants introduced for years. See full description, page 42. Price 10 cts.

Ampelopsis, *Veitchii.* The beautiful Japan Ivy; dark green leaves changing to brilliant scarlet in the autumn; hardy, and clings tenaciously. Price 10 cts.

Alyssum, *New Dwarf Sweet* (Little Gem). Plants are of very dwarf, compact, spreading habit, and only three to five inches in height, each plant covering a circle from fifteen to thirty inches in diameter. It begins to bloom when quite small. The plants are a solid mass of white from spring till late in autumn. Price 5 cts.

Alyssum, *Sweet.* Too well known to need description. Price 5 cts.

Auricular, *or Hardy Primula.* Our seed of this grand perennial plant is from one of the best English collections. Flowers are of various shades, yellow, crimson and maroon. Takes a long time for seed to germinate. Price 25 cts.

Begonia, *Tuberous Rooted.* These splendid varieties are covered the whole summer with bright and elegant drooping flowers. Blooming the first season from seed, if sown in February or March. Seed is very fine, and great care is needed in sowing and caring for young plants. Price 25 cts.

Begonia. Fine mixed, from our own fine collection of fancy leaf and flowering kinds; extra. Price 15 cts.

Begonia, *Vernon* (new). See description, page 18. Price 10 cts.

Coreopsis Lanceolata, *Perennial Golden Coreopsis.* Flowers are each two to three inches or more in diameter, of an intensely clear, golden yellow. It commences to bloom in June, continuing until hard frosts. Price 10 cts.

Carnation. Saved from flowers of excellent quality only. The finest mixed, hardy garden Pinks; will live in open ground without protection. Price 25 cts.

Carnation, *Grenadin.* White. A new hardy, dwarf sort; very fine for garden culture. Price 25 cts.

Carnation, *Grenadin.* Red, same as above, except color. Price 15 cts.

Carnation, *Mad. Guillaud.* In this, we have the best yellow Carnation that will bloom from seed in from four to six months. The flowers are very large and double, borne on long, stiff stems, and clear golden yellow, with only an occasional pink or red streak. A great novelty. Price 25 cts.

Carnation, *Chabaud's Double Perpetual.* This new Carnation was raised by Mr. Chabaud, the foremost Carnation grower of Europe. It grows from sixteen to twenty inches high, is closely branched, and carries its blooms well. The straight, vertical flower-stems are covered with large, handsome, very double flowers in every variety of color. It blooms in about seven months after being sown, and continues to flower in the greatest profusion indefinitely. Price 25 cts.

Carnation, *Marguerite* (new). A new class of Carnations that are without exception the most abundant bloomers of all the Pinks. The flowers are of brilliant colors, ranging through many beautiful shades of reds, pinks, white, variegations, etc.; they are of perfect form and large size. They bloom in about four months after sowing the seeds; those sown in spring commence flowering in early summer, and continue to bloom in profusion until checked by frost. They can be potted and taken in the house and will flower through the winter; if intended specially for winter flowering, it will be better to sow later in the season. They come from fifty to eighty per cent. double. Price, finest mixed, 10 cts.; pure white, 10 cts.

Carnation, *Perpetual or Tree.* Seed saved from the collection of the celebrated M. Alegatiere, the most celebrated grower in the world, and from finest named stage flowers only; extra for pot culture. Price 50 cts.

Calendula, *Oriole.* This is surpassingly grand and brilliant. The extra large double flowers are rich and glowing in tone, bright golden yellow. Price 5 cts.

Calceolaria, *Hybrida Tigrida.* Spotted. Seed saved from the best collection in Europe; extra choice. Price 25 cts.

Cineraria, *Hybrida Grandiflora.* Saved only from extra fine, large flowering, prize varieties. This strain is unsurpassed. Price 25 cts.

Cyclamen, *Persicum.* Charming, bulbous rooted plants, with beautiful foliage; winter and spring blooming. If the seed are sown early in the spring, they make flowering bulbs in one season. Price 25 cts.

Cyclamen, *Giganteum.* Without exception, the strain offered is in all respects the finest that can be procured. The flowers are of large size and of the finest shades. We can safely recommend this to our customers as sure to give satisfactory results. Extra mixed. Price 50 cts.

Campanula. A wonderfully fine class of hardy perennials well suited to any kind of soil. Seed from the most select varieties only. Finest mixed. Price 10 cts.

Campanula, *Persicæfolia* (Angel bells). See description, page 44. Price 10 cts.

Candytuft, *Fragrant White.* White, fragrant; fine for bouquets. Price 5 cts.

Candytuft, *Empress.* Produces large trusses of pure white flowers; assumes, when in full bloom, a beautiful tree form; very fine. Price 5 cts.

Candytuft, *Snow Queen.* An entirely distinct species, from Spain; very dwarf; an annual and grows very rapidly, quickly coming into bloom, and remaining in full flower for three months; pure white flowers, produced in abundance. Price 10 cts.

Candytuft, *Rocket.* Large umbels of pure white flowers. Price 5 cts.

Candytuft, *Dark Red.* Fine for cutting, a strong grower. Price 5 cts.

Candytuft. New, dwarf hybrids, mixed; new and very effective. Price 5 cts.

Candytuft. All sorts mixed. Price 5 cts.

Cosmos New Mammoth Perfection, *Erlinda* (White), *Roseta* (Pink) and *Conchita* (Crimson). A grand improvement on ordinary Cosmos. The splendid flowers on long stems measure ten to fifteen inches in circumference; the petals are broad and deeply lined; the plants are very strong and vigorous and more floriferous than the old varieties. Price, either sort, 10 cts.; mixed, 10 cts.

Cosmos, *California Hybrids.* These new hybrids now introduced for first time. Some of the flowers in this new strain measure five inches across; some flowers are as round as a cart-wheel, with broadly overlapping petals. Some have petals smooth, flat and waxy, others are pleated and frilled at the edges, others toothed and fringed. Some have only five petals, forming a perfect star. Words are inadequate to do justice to them. There are so many shades of color and such a variety of forms that it is impossible to describe all, but we will mention a few to convey a little idea of the great variety: delicate rosy lavender, with a maroon ring around the center; white, flushed pale pink; blush, zoned deep pink around the center; rose, flushed with pink and lined white; pure snowy white, with an extra number of petals; there are white grounds flecked with the tiniest pink spots in light and dark shades; grand glowing crimson, some lighter, some darker; solid blush; solid deep pink, and many other fancy variations from above. Price 10 cts.

Chrysanthemum, *Frutescens.* The White Marguerite, or Paris Daisy. Can be grown by any one, producing quantities of white flowers. Price 10 cts.

Chrysanthemum, *Anthemis Coronaria, fl. pl.* A most useful plant for bedding or pot culture. It bears double flowers profusely during the season, and can be highly recommended. Better known as Double Marguerites. Comes quite true from seed. Either white, yellow or mixed. Price 10 cts.

Chrysanthemum. Showy and effective garden favorites. Also now extensively grown for cut flowers. No place is complete without them. The annual sorts bloom the first season. The perennial varieties are very fine for out-door bloom, or for pot culture, blooming in October and November. The seed will produce single, semi-double and double flowers in great variety of colors. Price, finest mixed annual sorts, 5 cts.; fine perennial sorts, 10 cts.; finest mixed perennial sorts, extra, 20 cts.

Cobea, *Scandens.* A climber of rapid growth, flowering the first season if sown early in the house or hot-bed. In sowing, place seed edgewise and cover it with light soil. Purple flower. Price 10 cts.

Cobea, *Alba* (new). Similar to above, except of pure white color. Price 20 cts.

Cyperus Alternifolius, *Umbrella Palm.* A fine ornamental plant. Price 10 cts.

Centaurea, *Marguerite.* Named after Queen Marguerite of Italy, who is so well beloved by the people of that sunny land, this novelty is entirely distinct from all other Centaureas and undoubtedly *the most beautiful variety known.* The plants grow about eighteen inches high and are of the easiest culture. The large flowers are of purest white, also in tints of lavender, pink, and lemon, deliciously scented, exquisitely laciniated, and freely produced on long stems, which render them valuable for cutting. We recommend it as a highly decorative and particularly valuable flowering plant. In unique beauty it is entirely unlike any other flowering plant and sure to excite admiration wherever grown. Price, per pkt. 10 cts.

Daisy, *Mixed* (Bellis Perennis). A favorite plant for beds or pot culture, in bloom from April to June; seed from finest double varieties, mixed colors; half-hardy perennial. Price 10 cts.

Daisy, *Double White.* Extra double, pure white Daisy. Price 10 cts.

Dictamus Fraxinella. A showy perennial, forming a bush two feet in height, having fragrant foliage, and spikes of curious flowers giving off during hot weather a fragrant volatile oil, which explodes when a match is applied. Price 10 cts.

Dahlia, *Single.* Many of the varieties of these Single Dahlias are exceedingly beautiful, aud the seed we offer is saved from one of the best collections, and may be expected to produce many distinct, desirable sorts. Price 10 cts.

Dahlia, *Double.* Seed of this strain was saved from the very finest double flowers only, and will produce flowers equal, if not superior, to any in the market. Extra mixed. Price 15 cts.

Delphinum. Finest hybrids of the double flowering perennial hardy Larkspurs. Seed saved from named varieties only. Extra quality. Price 15 cts.

Dolichos, *Hyacinth Bean.* A beautiful class of quick-growing, ornamental climbers, producing an abundance of clustered spikes of flowers, followed by exceedingly ornamental seed-pods; white, purple or mixed. Price 5 cts. each.

Gloxinia, *Emperor Frederick.* Experience has fully verified the encomiums bestowed upon this beautiful hybrid when introduced last year. The large and erect flowers, averaging three and one-half inches across, are of a fiery scarlet color to nearly the base of the throat, while the margin of the petals is occupied by a clearly defined pure white band. Come true from seed. Price 25 cts.

Gloxinia, *Hybrida Alba.* New pure white variety, fine flowers with soft yellow throat; a beautiful and rare sort, coming true from seed. One of the finest house plants offered in this catalogue. Price 25 cts.

Gloxinia, *Crassifolia.* Varieties mixed. Strong growing kind; splendid large finely shaped flowers, in beautiful colors. Price 25 cts.

Gloxinia, *Dark Blue.* True from seed. Very large flowers; a dark velvety blue; extra fine. Price 25 cts.

Gaillardia, *Picta Lorenziana.* A profuse flowering, double variety, fine for massing, and useful as a bouquet flower, blooming until frost. Mixed. Price 10 cts.

Hollyhock. The Hollyhock in its present state of perfection, is very unlike its parent of olden time. It now ranks with the Dahlia, Aster, Camelia, etc. The flowers are as double as a Rose, of many shades of color from deep yellow, red, purple, to white. Hardy perennial, three to five feet. Our seed is from the celebrated Chaters strain. No better can be found. Finest mixed. Price 10 cts.

Humulus, *Japonicus.* (Japanese Hop.) Same as the following, except with plain green leaf; a fine summer climber. Price 5 cts.

Humulus Japonicus, *Variegated.* It is an annual, a very rapid grower, useful and ornamental. The leaves,—averaging from six to seven inches across—are beautifully and distinctly marked with silvery white, yellowish green and dark green, partly regularly striped, as well as marbled and blotched. It is not injured by insects, does not suffer from the heat, and it retains its fresh, lovely variegated and densely packed foliage *until cut down by frost!* The plant is very vigorous, and will rapidly cover porches, fences, summer houses and rustic arches and gateways. From one-half to three-fourths plants come variegated from seed. Price 10 cts.

Hibiscus, *Crimson Eye.* See description, page 45. Price 10 cts.

Lathyrus (Perennial Peas). The Perennial Peas, while lacking the delicious fragrance of the Sweet Peas, are equally as beautiful, and are very valuable from the fact that they are in full bloom early in the spring, before the others have begun to flower. They live year after year, bearing magnificent clusters of flowers. Perfectly hardy and grow six to eight feet high. Not new, but not as well known as should be.

Lathyrus, *Purple.* Or dark rose. Price 5 cts.

Lathyrus, *Splendens.* Dark red, fine cut foliage. Price 10 cts.

Lathyrus, *Pure White.* Fine for cutting. Extra. Price 10 cts.

Lathyrus, *Mixed.* Of above. Price 10 cts.

Morning Glory, *Imperial Japanese,* (new). These grand new Morning Glories from Japan are remarkable for *the large size and exquisite new colors of the flowers,* with magnificent foliage, often beautifully blotched. Of strong, robust growth. They are of all shades of red, from the most delicate pink to the most brilliant crimson and maroon, and innumerable shades of blue, from pale lavender to richest indigo and royal purple; also white, yellow, gray, slate, copper color, brown, bronze, almost black, and many other odd shades not found in any other flower. Many varieties have a distinct marginal band of a different color from the rest of the flower, and some are as elegantly spotted; others are striped, blotched, mottled, rayed, and shaded in an indescribable manner, often having seven or eight colors and tints in one flower. Many are of very odd and singular forms. Price 10 cts.

Morning Glory (Convolulus Major). The old fashioned sorts mixed. Price 5 cts.

Marigold, *El Dorado* (or Dahlia-flowered). The large, bushy plants, of good habit, are each a ball of brilliant colors, many single plants having seventy-five to one hundred flowers in full bloom at one time. The flowers are globular, as perfectly double as a Dahlia, and measuring three inches across. Price, mixed, 5 cts.

Marigold, *Prince of Orange.* Beautiful new variety, florets being striped with an intense shade of orange. For effective and persistent blooming in beds and groups it has no superior, its beautiful flowers being produced from early spring until late in the autumn. Price 5 cts.

Mignonette, *Matchet.* Of French origin, and a most desirable variety. The plants are dwarf and vigorous, of pyramidal growth, with very thick, dark green leaves. They throw up stout flower stocks, terminated by long and broad spikes of deliciously scented flowers, of a red tint. Price 5 cts.; oz., 35 cts.

Mignonette, *Bird's Mammoth.* In experimenting with a number of kinds of Mignonette, we found this to be by all odds the finest, not only in the immense size of the spikes, but the odor, the great value of Mignonette, has a powerful and delicious fragrance unequalled. Price 10 cts.

Mignonette, *Parsons' White.* Flowers nearly white; a desirable variety; good fragrance. Price 5 cts.

Mignonette. Large flowering, fragrant varieties. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Mignonette. Red flowering, or shaded with red tint; fragrant. Price 5 cts.

Mignonette, *Miles' Spiral.* Entirely distinct from the old varieties. It is a strong grower and abundant bloomer, producing spikes from eight to eleven inches in length; fragrant. Price 10 cts.

Mimulus, *Tigrinus.* An exceedingly beautiful new blotched and spotted Hybrid. Numerous varieties, with white, sulphur and yellow grounds, spotted crimson, scarlet and pink. They luxuriate in damp, shady situations, blooming freely in early summer months. Extra mixed. Price 10 cts.

Nicotiana, *Affinis.* An annual with sweet scented, pure white, star-shaped flowers, three inches across, blooming continually, except in mid-day. Price 5 cts.

Nasturtium, *Dwarf or Tom Thumb.* In twelve named kinds. See collection packet, page 49. Price, either sort, 5 cts.

Nasturtium, *Dwarf.* A fine mixture. Price 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

Nasturtium. Tall or running sorts, in following colors: Dark crimson, pearl, nearly white, scarlet, yellow, orange, straw color spotted, scarlet striped. All fine decided colors. Price, each, 5 cts.

Nasturtium. Tall, mixed sorts. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Nasturtium, *Lobb's.* The leaves and flowers are somewhat smaller than the ordinary tall Nasturtium, but their greater profusion renders them superior for trellises, arbors, for hanging-over vases, rock-work, etc.; the flowers are of unusual brilliancy and richness; splendid for winter decoration, either for hanging baskets or training about windows. Price, mixed, 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Petunia, *California Giant.* A fine strain of the large flowering varieties in both the gorgeous and delicate shades, and many of them giants in size. This strain is very similar to our colleetion, except not in so large a variety, but some blooms of larger size. Price, about 100 seeds, 25 cts.

Petunia. Collection packet. See page 51. Price 25 cts.

Petunia, *Grandiflora Fimbriata, fl. pl.* Flowers are of immense size and exquisite colors, shade and markings; have beautifully fringed petals, making them very attractive. It is, perhaps, not generally understood that the seeds of double Petunias are only obtained by artificially fecundating single blooms with the double, making the seed necessarily high priced; and the progeny cannot be expected to come all double. Price, per pkt. of about 50 seeds, 50 cts.

Petunia. Double varieties mixed. Many come striped and blotched; about one-fourth of the plants may be expected to produce double flowers; but the singles from these strains are also fine and desirable. Price 25 cts.

Petunia, *New Dwarf Inimitable* (single). A Petunia which is really dwarf. It forms a compact plant from five to eight inches high, by as much in diameter, and thickly covered with cherry red flowers, each of which is marked by a white star. Fine bedding sort. Price 5 cts.

Petunia. Single fine mixed, solid color; also, striped and mottled, in a great variety of shades. Price 5 cts.

Platycodon Mareisi, *Hardy Perennial.* A very handsome new variety for garden decoration in the summer and fall. It grows sturdy and compact, its many branches bearing numbers of beautiful, large open, bell-shaped flowers of a rich violet-blue. The appearance of the plant in bloom is exquisite. Price 10 cts.

Platycodon Grandiflorum. A hardy perennial, producing very showy flowers during the whole season. They form large clumps and are fine for planting among shrubbery; mixed colors. Price, mixed, 5 cts.

Pansy, *Bugnots.* The most fancy strain in existence, blotched, stained and veined in many fancy combinations; extra. Price 25 cts.

Pansy, *Peacock.* The beautiful Pansy was named "Peacock" because of the lovely ultramarine blue contained in the upper petals of the flower, which most nearly resembles this color in the feathers of a peacock. Price 15 cts.

Pansy Collection. See page 49. Price 25 cts.

Pansy, *Trimardeaux.* Mammoth varieties, mixed; extra strain. Price 10 cts.

Pansy, *Giant Striped.* The newest, mammoth fancy Pansy. Price 25 cts.

Pansy, *Havana Brown.* Beautiful shade of brown; fine bedder. Price 10 cts.

Pansy. Extra good, mixed; fine for bedding. Price 10 cts.

Pansy. Good mixed; cheap, but good. Price 5 cts.

Phlox, *Drummondii.* Double yellow; new; of a light yellow or straw color; desirable. Price 10 cts.

Phlox, *Cuspidata and Fimbriata.* The plants are fifteen inches high, of erect habit, and produce flowers with five dentated petals, the center tooth of each being elongated and ending into a point about one-third inch in length, the whole forming a regular star. The beauty of the flowers are still enhanced by the broad white margin appearing along its edges. Finest mixed colors. Price 10 cts.

Phlox, *Drummondii.* Double white. This is the first real double Phlox ever offered. The present novelty is not merely a tendency to become double, which is apparent, but on the contrary sixty per cent. at least of the seedings produce a profusion of charming, densely double and semi-double pure white flowers. Price 10 cts.

Phlox, *Drummondii* (new dwarf). These form little round compact bushes about six inches high, thickly studded with large flowers; splendid for margins, low beds and pot culture. Their low bushy growth stands wind and storm much better than the taller sorts. Price 10 cts.

Phlox Collection Packet. See page 51. Price 25 cts.

Phlox, *Drummondii.* Blood red, white, scarlet, purple and striped. Five of the most decided colors in Phlox. Price, either color, 10 cts.

Phlox, *Drummondii.* Finest mixed. Price 5 cts.

Phlox, *Drummondii, Grandiflora,* or large flowering kinds, mixed. Price 10 cts.

Poppy, *Ellis Bros'. Fancy Mixed.* This brand contains in large packets all the kinds we advertise, and many other sorts which we have procured especially for this mixture. Our customers will find in it the largest variety of Poppies they have ever seen from one package. Price 10 cts.

Poppy, *Fayal* (new). The seeds of these Poppies came originally from the Fayal Islands. They are charming dwarf Poppies, double and single; they are like crinkled tissue paper, and are every imaginable Poppy color—deepest red, terra cotta, salmon, soft pink, snowy white, white, pink and gray. All should give these new Poppies a trial. Price 10 cts.

Poppy, *Tulip* (Papaver Glaucum). Fourteen inches high, and produces large flowers of the most vivid scarlet imaginable: the color being seen, even from afar, of such glowing richness as to at once remind one of scarlet Tulips, and for this reason the fitness of the popular name "Tulip Poppy" will hardly be questioned. Seed will germinate quite quickly in hot-bed, but in open ground they should be sown early, as they are long in germinating. Price 10 cts.

Poppy, *Iceland* (Papaver Nudicaule). The fragrant, elegant, crushed-satin-like flowers are produced in never-ceasing succession from the beginning of June to October. Not only are they attractive in the garden, but for elegance in a cut state they are simply unsurpassed, and they last quite a week if cut as soon as open. They flower the first season from seed, though they are hardy herbaceous plants, and will with slight protection live over winter in any of the northern states. Price 5 cts.

Poppy, *Irresistable.* An immense new deep red variety, beautifully fringed, and so handsome that every one seeing it wishes at once to appropriate it, hence the name, "Irresistable." The most showy variety in our list. Price 10 cts.

Poppy, *Fairy Blush.* Few Poppies can equal this in beauty, and no others remain nearly so long in flower. The immense globular flowers are perfectly double, and measure from ten to thirteen inches in circumference; the petals are elegantly fringed and pure white, except at the tips, where they are colored rosy cream. Price 5 cts.

Poppy, *The Mikado* (new). One of the most charming sorts of the whole family. Has been sent to this country from Japan, and is in form and character essentially a Japanese flower in its quaint, yet artistic beauty. The petals at the base are whole, while the edges are cut and fringed in most complete manner. The color is most attractive, being white at the back, while edges are a crimson-scarlet. Price 5 cts.

Poppy, *Giant Yellow.* A mammoth flowering sort, color light nankeen yellow. The nearest approach to yellow among the Poppies. Price 5 cts.

Poppy, *Shirley.* A new strain of these beautiful annual Poppies, which are eminently deserving of very extensive cultivation, they are so easily grown and produce such an abundance of flowers. The colors are blended in the most beautiful and showy fashion, and include almost every shade from pale rose to the most dazzling crimson-scarlet, blotched and variegated in many styles. Very much pains have been bestowed upon them by the raiser, who has been carefully selecting them for years. In choicest mixture. Single varieties. Price 5 cts.

Poppy, *Danish Flag.* Flowers brilliant scarlet, with a large silvery white blotch at the base of each petal, forming a white cross on scarlet ground. Plant two feet in height. Price 10 cts.

Poppy. Carnation flowered; finest mixed; very showy. Price 5 cts.

Poppy. Peony flowered; blooms of immense size; best mixed. Price 5 cts.

Poppy, *Snowdrift.* Peony flowered; pure white. Price 5 cts.

Poppy, *C. King.* Peony flowered; bright scarlet. Price 5 cts.

Poppy, *Oriental.* Single dark scarlet with black spots; a hardy perennial; showy. Price 10 cts.

Primula, *Obconica.* See description, page 26. Price 15 cts.

Primula Collection Packet. See page 51. Price 25 cts.

Primula, *(Primrose).* Not quite as large flowers as in our collection package, but in fine variety; very free-flowering. Price 15 cts.

Ricinus Zanzibarensis, *(Zanzibar Castor Oil Plant).* Entirely new and distinct. Their gigantic leaves, two to two and one-half feet across, and the great size of the plants surpass any other known Ricinus. Their luxuriant, tropical appearance when planted singly or in masses, is matchless. We offer it in mixture: One will produce light green leaves with whitish ribs; another, coppery brown leaves, changing to dark green with red ribs—stems brown; another, brownish purple leaves, changing to dark green with reddish stems; another, with bronze leaves, with reddish ribs and glaucous-brown stems. Price 10 cts.

Rosa Multiflora Nana. (Called in some catalogues the "Midget Rose.") This new Polyantha Rose flowers the first season from seed sown in the open ground. If started early in frames, or in boxes indoors, and transplanted to the outside, like Asters, the plants will be in full bloom as early as July, and they will continue flowering until late in the fall. The flowers are of perfect form, and are produced in every color exhibited by other Roses. They are suitable for growing in pots or vases, as well as for massing in groups and for borders. Price per pkt., 25 cts.

Sweet Peas. See page 52.

Salvia Splendens, *Scarlet Sage.* Fine for autumn decorations; growing from two to three feet high, and completely covered with brilliant scarlet flowers. Seeds should be sown early in spring, in house or hot-bed. Price 10 cts.

Salvia, *Bonfire.* See description, page 34. Price 10 cts.

Scabiosa, *Snowball.* Beautiful new, white variety; extra. Price 5 cts.

Scabiosa, *Aurea.* New, golden or light yellow, very nice for cut flowers, and a new color in this class. Price 5 cts.

Scabiosa, *Black-Purple.* This variety has has very fine, rich colored flowers, extra for bouquets, and one of the fashionable flowers in large cities. Price 5 cts.

Scabiosa. Finest sorts in many colors, mixed. Price 5 cts.

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Finest mixed,	10
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Canna (Indian Shot), mixed, very fine,	5
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Mixed,	5
Feverfew, Double white,	10
Golden Feather,	10
Gilia, mixed,	5
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Geraniums, finest mixed,	10
Helichrysum (Everlasting Flowers), finest, mixed,	5
Heliotrope, fine mixed,	10
Ice Plant,	5
Larkspur, Dwarf Rocket,	5
Tall Stock, flowered,	5
Linum Grandiflorum Rubrum), mixed,	5
Lupinus, mixed varieties,	5
Lobelia, finest mixed,	10
Speciosa, Dark Blue,	10
Lantana, finest mixed,	10
Marigold, best French, tall,	5
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Maurandia, finest mixed colors,	10
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Pansy, mixed seeds of all sorts,	5
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Our vegetable seeds comprise the best standard and new sorts. We might offer a much larger list of varieties, but it seems useless, as the kinds offered are of the greatest merit, and, in our estimation, all that can be desired. We have taken the greatest pains to produce seeds of the choicest quality, and can assure our customers that the stock here offered, is, in freshness and purity, second to none in the country. All prepaid at prices given, except as noted.

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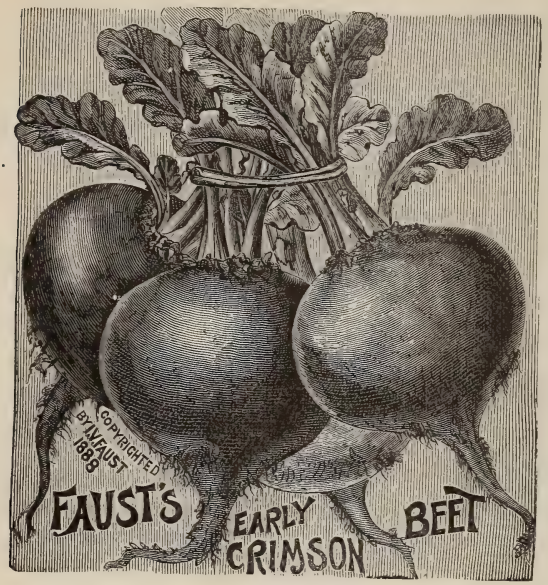
Beet, *Stinson.* True dark red variety. Excellent for the open garden, this is particularly valuable for forcing, because it produces less foliage than any other variety. Fine table beets of two and a half inches in diameter will have foliage scarcely five inches high, the leaves proper being only three inches long, of a deep, rich red color. They can be grown close together, four inches apart in the row being quite sufficient. The roots are smooth and regular in form; the skin is dark blood-red. The flesh is fine grained and free from woodiness, even when fully matured. Of a rich color, the beets cook dark blood-red, and remain in fine condition a long time. Taking all in all, this is one of the very best varieties for home and market gardeners' use. Price 5 cts.; per oz., 10 cts.



Beet, *Crimson Early.* This Beet is the earliest variety in cultivation, and is ready to market in six weeks from time of sowing. The tops are short and green, and the bulbs of beautiful shape. The skin is deep blood-red in color; the flesh being also very dark, of the finest quality, tender and sweet at all times. The beets are of good size and very uniform, and never become tough and stringy with age. As an early Beet it has no equal, and for late sowing its quick, rapid growth, makes it also valuable. (See cut.) Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

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Beet, *Egyptian.* Early; fine for summer use; turnip shape. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; 1 lb., 50 cts.

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Cabbage, *Succession.* About one week later than the "Early Summer," but it is double the size, and is so finely bred that in a field of ten acres every head was a perfect specimen, fit for exhibition purposes. Its earliness, uniform large size, solidity and sure heading qualities, makes it the most valuable Cabbage either for private use or market purposes. Price 10 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

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Cabbage, *Early Winningstadt.* A well known and very popular second-early variety; heads large, decidedly conical; leaves bright, glossy green; heads very solid and hard, even in summer. This is a very sure-heading variety, valuable not only for early use, but also for winter Cabbage; its vigorous growth enables it to withstand unfavorable conditions. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

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Cabbage, *Early Wakefield.* The great favorite with market gardeners; the earliest, and sure to head. The seed is true and the best. Price 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

Cabbage, *Early Summer.* This variety is deservedly popular with market gardeners. It forms large, solid, round, flattened, compact heads, of excellent quality. The veins of the leaf are very white and prominent; is the most compact grower of the second-earlies; a sure header. Price 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

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Cabbage, *Premium Flat Dutch.* One of the best winter sorts in cultivation; of fine quality. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Cabbage, *Large Red Drumhead.* Larger heads than the old "Red Dutch." Heads round in shape, of deep color, and remarkably hard and solid. Either for pickling or table use there is no better variety of red Cabbage. Price 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

Cabbage, *Savoy.* The best of all for home use. The plants are vigorous, very sure heading, and uniformly savoyed; the heads are globular, and of the very best quality. Price 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

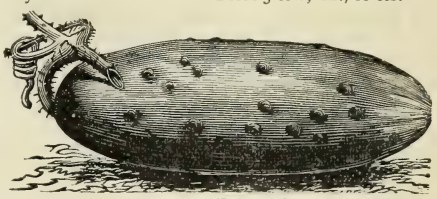
Cabbage, *Autumn King.* Also known as "World Beater;" in a few years the Marblehead Mammoth will be discarded, for not only is the "Autumn King" fully as large, if not larger, but also it is uniformly true to type and sure to head hard,—"solid as a rock." The large, broad heads are very thick through, slightly rounded at the top; fine grained and tender,—more so than any other large cabbage. Stalk short, foliage compact, dark green with a purplish-brown tinge. It is a rapid grower, and while it will well repay good treatment, yet it does not require special culture to develop. If you want first premium at fair for largest Cabbage try this. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Cauliflower, *Early Snowball.* Probably grown more than all other varieties together. It is exceedingly early and hardy, and is one of the surest to make a solid, compact head; also, more and more in favor for planting for the late summer and fall crop. We have taken great pains to secure the best seed procurable, and confidently recommend it as equal to that offered by anyone.

Price, ½ pkt., 15 cts.; 1 pkt., 25 cts.; oz., $2.25.

Cucumber, *Early Frame.* The well known early sort. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Cucumber, *Nichol's Medium Green.* We consider this the most valuable sort. As a pickle sort, "Nichol's Medium Green" will be found unequalled, and for early forcing purposes or for slicing, there is no better variety. It is exceedingly productive, of medium size, and always straight and smooth. The color is dark green, the flesh tender and crisp. (See cut.) Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.



Cucumber, *Imp. White Spine.* One of the most popular either for slicing or for pickles; abundant bearer. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Cucumber, *Japanese Climbing.* A climbing sort, can be grown on trellises, fences, etc., saving valuable space in small gardens. It is prolific, sixty cucumbers having been counted on single plants. Price 5 cts.

Cucumber, *Cool and Crisp.* This variety is the earliest and most productive of all pickling cucumbers. At the pickling stage they are straight, long, even and slim, and until fully grown are of a dark green color. While it is one of the best pickling varieties, it is also excellent for slicing, the cucumbers, when fully grown, being of good size and exceedingly tender and crisp; as early as early frame, of better quality, and bears the whole season. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Cucumber, *Long Green.* Long fruit, of excellent quality; dark green, firm and crisp. This is the improved sort, fine for all purposes. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Carrot, *Imp. Long Orange.* Too well known to need description; an immense yielder; best for stock. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

Carrot, *Chantenay* (or Model Carrot). For table use, it is probably the best in shape and finest in quality of all. The carrots have attained such a uniformity that they are almost duplicates of each other. They are a little longer than the "Short Horn," being thicker at the shoulder, and hence more productive; always very smooth and fine in texture, and easily dug; the flesh is of a beautiful, deep golden orange; tender. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 70 cts.

Carrot, *Guerande, or Oxheart.* This variety has given great satisfaction. While not attaining one-half the length of many other varieties, it will compare favorably in bulk of crop, as on good land it will produce carrots four to six inches in diameter. The crop can also be readily pulled, while the longer sorts require digging. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

Carrot, *Danvers.* Grown largely everywhere, on account of its great productiveness and adaptability to all classes of soils. Tops medium size, coarsely divided; roots deep orange, large, but medium length, tapering uniformly to a blunt point, smooth and handsome; flesh sweet, crisp, tender, and of a deep orange color. This variety, although the roots are shorter, produces as large a bulk as the older field sorts, and is easier harvested. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 65 cts.

Catnip. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Celery, *Golden Self-Bleaching* and *White Plume.* These two fine varieties have their inner stalks bleached at all stages of growth, so that slight banking for a few days gives a perfect bleach. The "White Plume" is earliest, but the "Golden" is one of the finest of all. Price, either sort, 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Celery, *Pink Plume.* Is practically identical with "White Plume," but with the added merit of the stalks being exquisitely suffused with pink and possessing the crispness, rich nutty flavor and long keeping qualities for which red Celeries are noted. "Pink Plume" is also remarkably attractive when trimmed for the table. The solid succulent stalks are ivory white suffused with dainty pink, which not only delight the eye but tempt the palate of the epicure. Price 10 cts.

Celery, *Giant Pascal.* The best for winter use. The stocks are remarkably large, thick, solid and entirely stringless. It is the largest Celery grown as regards width and thickness of stalks. When fully grown, the outer stalks average two inches wide, and are nearly as thick as a man's finger. It is the best of all Celeries for January and February use. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Celery, *Boston Market.* Dwarf white, excellent quality. *Golden Dwarf,* heart waxy, golden yellow One of the best. Price, either sort, 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Cress, *Water.* One of the most appetizing, delicious flavored of small salads; it does fairly well in very moist situations, but thrives best in shallow water on the edges of streams, where it grows most luxuriantly. It is a hardy perennial and increases in growth from year to year. Price 10 cts.

Dandelion. Large leaf, new French sort, double the size of common variety. Price 10 cts.; oz., 40 cts.

Egg Plant, *New York Spineless.* Fruit of largest size, and quite free from spines; of splendid quality. Price 10 cts.

Fennel. The leaves boiled, enter into many fish sauces. Price 5 cts.

Gourd, *Sugar Trough.* These gourds are useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest-boxes, soap and salt dishes. They grow to hold from four to ten gallons each, have thick, hard shells. Price 10 cts.

Gourd, *Dipper.* This variety is also useful for many household purposes. When grown on the ground the stems will be curved, while if raised as a climbing vine, on a trellis, the weight of the blossom end will cause the stem to grow straight. Price 10 cts.

Gourd, *Dishcloth or Luffa.* A natural dish cloth and a most desirable one, is furnished by the peculiar lining of this fruit, which is sponge-like, porous, tough, elastic, and durable. They are also most useful in the bath, in place of sponges. The vine is ornamental, producing clusters of yellow blossoms, in pleasing contrast with the silvery-shaded, dark green foliage. In the North requires to be started in a hot-bed. Price 10 cts.

Gourd, *Japanese Nest Egg Gourd.* These exactly resemble, in color, shape and size, the eggs of hens, do not crack, and are uninjured by cold or wet. They make the very best nest eggs. The plant is a rapidly growing climber, and is useful for covering screens, etc., being quite ornamental, with the numerous white eggs. Price 10 cts.

Gourd. Mixed, of above four sorts. Price 10 cts.

Kale, *German Dwarf Curled.* Sown in spring for summer use, and in fall for spring. A very hardy variety. Price 5 cts; oz., 10 cts.

Lavender, *Lavendula Vera.* An aromatic, medicinal herb. Price 5 cts.

Lettuce, *Iceberg.* There is no handsomer or more solid Cabbage Lettuce in cultivation—in fact, it is strikingly beautiful. The large, curly leaves which cover the outside of the solid heads are of a bright, light green, with a very slight reddish tinge at the edges. The unusual solidity of the heads is insured by the large, white main ribs of the leaves, each of which, curving strongly into the center, acts like a truss, making it impossible for the leaves to open outward and expose the center, which is constantly thoroughly blanched. It matters not whether in the early spring or the hottest days of summer, the quality is simply perfect. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Lettuce, *Deacon.* While this does not make as large a head as some others, the heads formed, are very solid and of excellent flavor, and remain in condition for use as long as any variety in cultivation. Plant medium size, with very few outer leaves; leaves light green, very thick. This is certainly one of the best varieties for summer use. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Lettuce, *Thick Head, Yellow.* Every plant heads, and the heads are uniformly shaped, very large and thick through, and of a solidity equal to that of a cabbage. They measure about seven inches across the solid head; the leaves are slightly crumpled, of a beautiful greenish yellow color, and for tenderness it is unsurpassed by any existing variety. It heads more rapidly than any of the large Lettuces, and has the advantage of being unaffected by bad weather, even excessive rains exercising no unfavorable influence upon it. Price 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

Lettuce, *Prize Head.* An early sort, deep green, so washed with red as often to appear more red than green; forming a head of a dense mass of leaves rather than one like a cabbage, and very slow to run to seed; leaves large, nearly round, frilled at the edge, and densely blistered. They are exceedingly crisp, tender and good flavored, and do not become bitter as early as other varieties. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Lettuce, *Perpetual.* Our customers will be especially pleased with this variety for a summer Lettuce, as it is of finest quality and remains for a long season tender and crisp; unexcelled as a long standing sort, combining tenderness, beauty and delicate flavor; best of its season. Price 5 cts, oz., 15 cts.

Lettuce, *Black Seeded Tennis Ball.* Early hard head; few outside leaves; grown largely under glass. Price 5 cts., oz., 10 cts.

Lettuce, *Hanson.* Improved Hard Heading Stock. Heads green outside and white within; grows to a remarkable size, very solid, and is refreshingly sweet, crisp, and tender. It withstands the hot sun. Most of the heads are so very solid that they do not send up any seed stalks unless cut open with a knife. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Lettuce, *Boston Curled.* Very ornamental, and of fair quality. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Lettuce. Above eight varieties mixed. A fine variety for a small amount of money. You get early, medium and late in one package. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

NOTE.—We call attention to our fine varieties of Lettuce; in growing, give good soil and plenty of room; small kinds six to eight inches, and large sorts ten to twelve inches apart.

Marjoram, *Sweet.* For seasoning. Price 5 cts.

Musk Melon. *Emerald Gem.* All who have grown it, unite in pronouncing it unequalled in rich, delicious flavor. The skin, while ribbed, is smooth and of a very deep emerald green color. The flesh, which is thicker than in any other Melon of its size, is of a suffused salmon color, and ripens thoroughly to the extremely thin green rind; luscious beyond description; altogether unapproached in delicious flavor. the melons mature extremely early; are uniformly of the most superb quality. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Musk Melon, *Melrose* (new). Very hardy, strong, and vigorous grower; the vines remaining green longer than any other variety. The melons are produced abundantly, and very close to the hill—a feature of the greatest value. The color is rich, dark green; the shape is oval. The melons average in weight about four pounds, and are finely and densely netted, showing but slight tendency to rib; the form is remarkably perfect and true; all-in-all, the handsomest and most showy of all Melons. The flesh is very thick and solid; clear, light green in color, shading to a rich salmon at the seed cavity. In flavor the "Melrose" cannot be equalled by any other variety, and carries its superior quality and sweetness to the extreme edge of the skin; ripens among the earliest of the cantelope Melons. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Musk Melon, *Banquet.* This superb Melon represents years of careful selection and improvement of a stock of Musk Melon, at the hands of the largest and most experienced grower of Melons in the world. The raiser regards it as his greatest production and likely to supersede all other red-fleshed Melons; medium-sized, flat at both ends, and more beautifully netted than any known variety. The flesh is uniformly deep, and of that granulated character that indicates a good Melon; the color is a dark, rich salmon. It will produce more fine melons to a given area, than any other variety. Price 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

Musk Melon, *Netted Gem.* The best early small green-fleshed Melon known today. Shape is almost a perfect globe. They grow remarkably uniform, weighing from one and a quarter to one and a half pounds each. They are thick-meated, the flesh is light green in color, and uniformly of fine, luscious flavor; skin green, regularly ribbed and thickly netted. Very prolific and extra early in ripening—no variety being earlier. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Water Melon, *Cole's Early.* This is one of the finest early Water Melons; of medium size, and it is so early that it matures in every state; very hardy; the flesh is deep red in color, clear to the rind, and is most sweet and delicate in flavor. It is exceedingly brittle, and hence cannot be shipped to distant markets, but is most desirable for the home garden. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; ¼ lb., 25 cts.

Water Melon, *Mountain Sweet.* Fruit oblong dark green; rind thin; flesh red, solid and sweet. One of the earliest large Melons. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Water Melon, *Phinney's Early.* Flesh deep red, of very superior quality; early and productive. One of the best extra early Melons. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Okra, *Dwarf Prolific.* A very fine new variety, much dwarfer than the ordinary dwarf Okra, and much more productive; short thick pods. Very palatable when stewed and served as is a dish of Asparagus. It is universally used throughout the South, and is as easily raised as a weed in the North. So delicious is the flavor that when once used it will be grown every year. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Onions, *Globe Yellow Danvers.* This variety is now the standard medium yellow Onion of our markets the country over. Our strain of this sort is unsurpassed. It is early, large, and a very heavy yielder. It has a very small neck and is an excellent keeper. Every grower knows the value of northern New England grown seed over all others. Give it a trial.

Price 5 cts.; 1 oz., 10 cts.; ¼ lb., 30 cts.; 1 lb., $1.00, postpaid.

Onion, *Wethersfield Large Red,* one of the best; *Early Red Globe,* best for early; all our stock is New England grown, and of the very best quality. Prive 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.; lb., prepaid, $1.25.

Parsley, *Double Curled.* Very nice. Price 5 cts.

Parsley, *Moss Curled.* New, extra dark. When its beauty, and the tender delicacy of its flavor is known it will undoubtedly become an extremely popular plant. It is very handsome and ornamental in growth, far more so than many plants which are grown in our flower gardens for decorative purposes. The leaves are beautifully curled or crimpled, and of a peculiar, extra dark green color. It is very productive, and from the densely-curled character of its leaves, a quantity of green seasoning or garnishing can be prepared in much less time than with the more open-leaved varieties. Price 5 cts.

Parsnip, *Guernsey.* A half long variety of fine quality. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Parsnip, *Hollow Crowned.* Best variety; long, smooth, white. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Pepper, *Bell, Squash* and *Cayenne.* Price, each, 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Pepper Grass, *Extra Curled.* Best variety. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Radish, *Early Long Scarlet.* Tender variety; fine flavor and crisp. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Radish, *Scarlet Turnip White Tipped.* A small, round turnip-shaped Radish, of bright scarlet, distinctly tipped with clear white, sharply delineated, which gives a very pleasing appearance to the bunches when ready for market. This Radish ready to pull twenty days after sowing. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Radish, *Early Round Dark Red.* Of very deep, dark red skin; beautifnl shape, and extra early. This is the very best strain of Extra Early Scarlet Turnip Radish in cultivation. Handsome appearance and extra fine quality. It is always crisp. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Radish, *Long White Vienna.* This new Radish is the finest Long White Radish in cultivation. It is most beautiful in shape, white in color; both skin and flesh are pure snow white; crisp, brittle, and of rapid growth. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Radish, *Wood's Early Frame.* A long, red Radish, not quite so long as the "Long Scarlet," and with smaller top; it is quite ten days earlier than the "Long Scarlet" Radish in the open ground, while from its exceedingly small top it is most excellent for forcing. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Salsify, *Vegetable Oyster Plant.* Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Salsify, *New Mammoth.* Grows uniformly to an extra large size, averaging fully double the size and weight of roots of the old variety. The roots, notwithstanding their enormous size, are of very superior quality, and very delicate flavor. Price 10 cts.

Spinach. For greens. Price 5 cts.; oz.. 10 cts.

Sage and Summer Savory. Price, each, 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Squash, *New Giant Summer Crookneck.* This new strain is even earlier than the common variety, while the Squashes grow to an extra large size, measuring from eighteen inches to two feet long, and of finest quality. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

Squash, *Summer Crookneck.* Best of the summer sorts. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

Squash, *Hubbard.* Well known winter sorts. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

Squash, *Essex Hybrid.* Early, yet a long keeper; flesh dry, thick and sweet, better than "Turban," and now a standard variety. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

Squash, *Faxon* (or the Squash of many colors). The fixed characteristics are earliness, long keeping, uniformity of shape, variety of colors and the excelling in richness, sweetness, and flavor. It is very productive, of medium size, and is destined to become a standard among Squashes, both for home use and for general marketing. Even when not fully ripe it is of excellent quality as a summer Squash. It is a good keeper, and has the exceptional recommendation of being a table delicacy during three seasons,—summer, fall and winter. For sweetness and dryness, the "Faxon" Squash cannot be excelled if equalled. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 80 cts.

Squash, *Dunlap's Early Prolific Marrow.* The standard early, of the running varieties. No variety can compete with it for earliness, it being about twelve days ahead of the Boston Marrow, and for this reason can be planted a week later than any other kind. It grows to weigh from seven to twenty pounds, and is very productive. Its color is most attractive, a brilliant orange-red. Quality excellent when mature. A good keeper. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

Tomato, *Imperial.* A fine specimen will average three to four inches in diameter and two and a half to three inches in depth from stem to blossom end. It is quite thick at the shoulder, free from any hard core, and is quite fleshy. The tomatoes are very smooth and fine in form, of a bright red color, but changing to pinkish purple, like "Acme" when fully ripe. It is a good strong grower, and prolific. This new variety originated in Vermont. Our patrons will find it of nice quality. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Tomato, *The Aristocrat.* An excellent new sort, resembling in habit of growth and foliage the "Dwarf Champion," but the color of the fruit is a fine rich, glossy red. It is solid and smooth, and in size from medium to large. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Tomato, *Dwarf Champion.* The "Dwarf Champion" Tomato is one of the most valuable novelties introduced in many years. It is entirely distinct in habit of growth and foliage from any other sort. It is dwarf and compact in habit, the plant growing stiff and upright, with very thick and short jointed stems. In a comparative test with leading varieties, it has proven itself remarkably early. It is always smooth, symmetrical and attractive in appearance, the flesh solid, and ripens well. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Tomato, *Matchless* (Improved Trophy). The fruits are of the largest size, and the size of the fruit is maintained throughout the season, the healthy growth of foliage continuing until killed by frost. Had we to confine ourselves to one variety, it would be "The Matchless," for certainly no other Tomato will produce extra large fruits, so smooth, handsome and marketable. The skin is remarkably tough and solid, so that ripe specimens picked from the vine will keep in good, marketable condition for two weeks. Its fine quality, solidity, and long-keeping character have already made it a great favorite for market and family use. So great an improvement on the "Trophy," that we drop that variety. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Tomato, *Yellow Plum.* Small yellow variety; very early. Price 5 cts.

Tomato, *Perfection.* Fine, smooth variety; one of the best. Price 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

Turnip, *Golden Ball* (or Orange Jelly). This is the most distinct yellow turnip we know. The flesh is of very fine texture, making it one of the best table varieties. Beautiful color; fine flesh. The bulb is of medium size, with small tap roots, and is early in maturing. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

Turnip, *Yellow Stone.* One of the best and most popular yellow fleshed varieties for table use; it is equally good for feeding stock. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

Turnip, *Strap Leaf.* "Red Top" or "White Top," well known early sorts.
Price, either sort, 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 55 cts.

Turnip, *Purple Top White Globe.* An early variety, globe-shaped; heavy cropper; in other respects similar to the "Red Top Strap Leaf." A handsome looking bulb, and is rapidly taking the lead of all other varieties of early Turnips for market garden purposes. Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

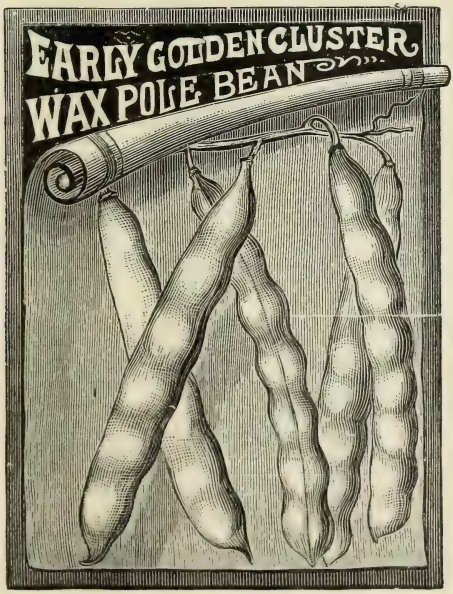
Turnip, *White Egg.* Its shape is nearly oval or egg; flesh very firm and fine grained, thin and perfectly smooth skin, and both flesh and skin are of snowy whiteness. Its flavor is of the best.
Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

Turnip, *Sweet German.* The well known winter variety. Very sweet; extra for table use.
Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 55 cts.

Turnip, *Laing's Swede.* Quick growing; good for table, or for stock; yellowish flesh.
Price 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

Turnip, *Scarlet Kashmyr.* A novelty. As early as the earliest known sort; most distinct in appearance, small, rarely exceeding three inches in diameter, shape inclined to flat, but somewhat arched on shoulder of root, and slightly concave at base. The leaves are few, small, entire or strap-leaved and quite smooth. The outer color of the root is unique, being a rich scarlet, verging on crimson; the interior color is pure sparkling white. Price 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

BEANS.



Extra Early Golden Cluster Wax (Pole). Long golden-yellow pods borne in clusters; extra early, stringless, snaps easily, vigorous, prolific, popular; quality tender, delicious. One of the finest pole Beans of recent introduction. It is unequalled for earliness, productiveness and fine quality. The pods are medium in length, a beautiful light green color, almost crystal, round, entirely stringless, remarkably rich, tender and buttery when cooked; of the best possible flavor. The pods are fit to use when only two or three inches long, keep their fine, tender, rich and buttery qualities until fully ripe. The most productive Bean in cultivation. (See cut.) Price, postpaid, 10 cts.; ½ pint, 15 cts.; pint, 25 cts.

Horticultural Pole or Pole Cranberry. A fine standard sort.
Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.

Yosemite (New Mammoth Wax Bush Bean). The pods frequently attain a length of ten to fourteen inches, with the thickness of a man's finger, and are nearly all solid pulp. The pods are a rich golden color, and are absolutely stringless, cooking tender and delicious. This is the coming wax Bean for family or market purposes. It is enormously productive, as many as fifty of its monster pods having been counted on one bush. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.

Golden Wax (Bush). A strong growing distinct variety, at least a week earlier than the "Black Wax." The pods are long, brittle, and entirely stringless. As a snap Bean it perhaps excels all others in tenderness and richness of flavor. The finest of all as a string Bean.
Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.

Dwarf Horticultural or Bush Cranberry. One of the finest bush varieties for a green shell Bean. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 20 cts.; quart, 40 cts.

Rust-Proof Golden Wax. This improved strain is destined to supersede the well-known "Golden Wax," which it has greatly out-yielded in comparative trials. The straight, handsome pods are thicker through, superior in quality; claimed by the orginator to be rust-proof. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.

Henderson's Bush Lima. One of the most valuable characteristics of "Henderson's Bush Lima" is its extreme earliness, being fit to use from two to three weeks earlier than any other variety of the climbing or bush Limas. It grows about eighteen inches high nnd produces immense crops or delicious Lima beans, continuing to bear until cut down by frost. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 20 cts.

Burpee's Bush Lima. Never before in the history of the seed trade has any variety created such a profound sensation as this, "the most remarkable of new vegetables;" the only bush form of the true delicious large Lima. It is pronounced by all good judges as unquestionably the real bush Lima, distinct and superior in every way—in its splendidly vigorous, upright, bushy habit of growth, great uniformity and trueness to type, and always bearing the delicious large Lima beans in great abundance. There is absolutely nothing to compare with it. This requires same season for growth as the large pole Lima, and can be grown only where that variety succeeds. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.

Long Yellow Six Weeks. Early, very productive and of excellent quality. Pods are often eighteen inches long. Seeds, when ripe, yellow or dun color. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 20 cts.

King of Garden. Large pole Lima; a grand Bean, but rather late for northern gardens. Price 10 cts.; pint, 30 cts.

PEAS.

Prepaid at prices given. Packages are of good size, containing two and one-half ounces.

American Wonder. The earliest of all wrinkled Peas. Of dwarf habit, growing from nine to twelve inches high, and producing a profusion of good sized and well filled pods, of the finest flavor. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.; quart, 40 cts.

Premium Gem. A valuable variety, growing about fifteen inches high, and among the earliest dwarf, green, wrinkled sorts. The quality is unsurpassed; the most remarkable characteristic is its wonderful prolificness. Superior to "Little Gem." Price 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.; quart, 40 cts.

Nott's Excelsior. One of the best of recent introduction; an improvement on "American Wonder," being more vigorous and prolific, with larger pods and more peas. A decided acquisition and sure to become popular when generally known; height one foot. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.; quart, 45 cts.

Stratagem (improved). The pods are of immense size and uniformly filled with very large dark green peas of the finest qualily. Vine medium height, but very stocky, with very broad, light green leaves, and bearing an abundance of large, handsome pods. One of the very best varieties for market gardeners or home use; medium height. Price, per pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.; quart, 45 cts.

Yorkshire Hero. Long, round pods, closely filled with large, luscious, wrinkled peas; very productive. Well worthy of general cultivation; of similar type to the well known "Champion of England;" in many sections it is better and more productive. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 20 cts.; quart, 40 cts.

Champion of England. Undoubtedly one of the best Peas grown, and very popular. It is very productive, peas of a delicious flavor; height four to five feet. Price 10 cts.; pint, 20 cts.; quart, 35 cts.

Large Black Eye Marrowfat. An excellent variety, growing about five feet high; pods large; a prolific bearer; one of the very best "Marrowfat" sorts. Price, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 20 cts.; quart, 35 cts.

Sunol. Mr. J. H. Allan, who has originated more varieties of new Peas than any seed grower on this side ot the Atlantic Ocean, sends this newcomer out as his latest improvement in the early market garden sorts. He claims that it is the earliest of all to mature, and is decidedly the most profitable to raise of all the early varieties. J. J. H. Gregory says of it—"I find 'Sunol' leads them all in earliness; medium height. Price 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.; quart, 40 cts.

First of All. A very early market sort; height about two and one-half feet. "Sunol" is an improvement on this variety. Price 10 cts.; pint, 20 cts.; quart, 40 cts.

If by express, not prepaid, 15 cts. per quart may be deducted from above prices. Special prices given to buyers in quantities of one-half peck or more of a kind.

SWEET CORN.

First Crop. This delicious sort will suit many, it being superior to any of the dwarf or "Tom Thumb" kinds; ears larger, earlier and much sweeter than other dwarf varieties. It is an eight-rowed white Corn.

First of All (new). The "First of All," is ready for the table from three days to a week earlier than the "Cory," making it very desirable not only for family gardens, but extremely valuable to grow for market, where the earliest corn always brings by far the highest prices. Of medium size, well filled, with large grains to the very tip. A large number of ears contain ten to twelve rows, while ears of the "Cory" corn generally have only eight rows. In habit of growth it is rather dwarfer than the "Cory," although similar in appearance, but superior in quality, tender and sweet.

Country Gentleman (new). The "Country Gentleman" is the finest of all sweet Corns, and will delight the most fastidious epicure, retaining its delicate tenderness and flavor even when a little old. For private family use, where quality is the first consideration, it has no equal. The ears are of good size, and are produced in great abundance, frequently bearing four good ears, while the average is three ears to a stalk. The cob is very small, giving great depth to the kernels, which are of pearly whiteness. But the great merit of the "Country Gentleman" corn, is its delicious quality.

Cory. A standard, extra early sort; good for home use, and extra for market.

Early Shaker. Fine to follow "Cory," very sweet; good for home or market.

Black Mexican. Medium early, good to follow "Shaker;" one of the sweetest.

Evergreen. The best late sort; large, sweet and fine.

Squantum. One of the sweetest varieties, and is largely used for market and canning. It is a general favorite, and is wonderfully productive. The "Squantum" is the variety used almost exclusively at the famous Rhode Island clambakes, which is sufficient evidence of its quality. This, and "Potter's Excelsior," are identical.

Crosby's Early. Early and a great favorite. Rather small ears, but productive and of excellent quality; a favorite for family use.

Price, corn, large packets, 10 cts.; pint, 25 cts.; quart, 45 cts.; prepaid. By express, (not prepaid), pint, 15 cts.; quart, 25 cts.

POP CORN.

Queen's Golden. The stalks grow six feet high, and the large ears are produced in abundance. Its quality and handsome appearance when popped are very noticeable. It pops perfectly white, and a single kernel will expand to a diameter of nearly one inch. Price, 10 cts. per pkt.; 20 cts. per pint.

White Rice. The most widely known variety; very popular for parching. Selected seed. Price per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.

SMALL FRUITS.

CURRANTS.

Fay's Prolific. The leading red variety. It has fully sustained the broad claims which were made for it by the disseminator upon its introduction, and it is one of the best red Currants we have. It has been widely planted, and has given general satisfaction. The bush is a strong grower, wonderfully prolific and comes into bearing early. Fruit is large, bright red, and of good flavor, and less acid than "Cherry," which it is rapidly superseding. A regular bearer and reliable sort, it is rapidly becoming the favorite with market growers. Those who want a profitable red Currant and do not plant this variety, are missing a valuable opportunity. Price, 1-year, 10 cts., $1.00 per doz.; 2-year, 15 cts., $1.50 per doz. All strong, fine, healthy bushes.

White Grape. This is a Currant of all others that should be in the family garden, not only for its handsome appearance but for its fine quality. Its bunches are extremely long, berries large, of a beautiful translucent white, and excellent flavor. The bush is a good grower and profuse bearer. It is the largest and decidedly the best white variety, and one of the best of all for the home garden. Should always be one of those selected for table use. Price, 1-year, $1.00 per doz.; 2-year, $1.50 per doz.

STRAWBERRIES.

Parker Earle (new). One of the best, either for home use or market. It forms a stocky plant, with clean, bright foliage, withstanding hot suns. Berries large, and attractive, long, with slight neck, regular and uniform, crimson, moderately firm and of good quality. It succeeds on all soils and yields enormously. From all quarters there seems to be nothing but praise for it, and at its home in Texas it is said to be remarkable for its ability to withstand heat and drought, and to flourish and bear well on light, dry soils. For vigor of plant, tough, healthy foliage, and yield of fruit, it is unsurpassed by any variety we know of. Mid-season to late. Perfect flower.

Lovett's Early (new). All the early varieties of the Strawberry thus far introduced are either small in size, unproductive or very soft in texture. "Lovett's Early" is of superior quality, excellent form, very uniform in both size and shape throughout the season, bright crimson color, has a perfect blossom and the most enduring healthy foliage—in brief the nearest perfect in habit and growth of plant of any Strawberry we have ever grown. It holds its size to the close of the season better than other varieties —by reason of its foliage maintaining perfect health and vigor until all berries have ripened. The berries color all over at once, never with a green tip. Perfect flower.

Gandy. This is the finest late Strawberry yet introduced. By its use the season of Strawberries is extended by nearly two weeks. Among all the new varieties of the past few years there is none that has so successfully run the gauntlet of public opinion or so quickly become a leading popular sort. It has perfect blossoms, is prolific in bearing, and in vigor and growth is peerless. The berries are of large, uniform size and shape, of bright crimson color, very handsome; superior quality; very firm. Perfect flower.

Shuckless. Possesses a peculiar feature distinguishing it from all others, which is indicated by its name. In picking, it parts readily from the stem, the shucks remaining on the stem instead of on the berries, which are ready for immediate use without the tedious and disagreeable task of shuckling, necessary with other sorts. Is a strong grower, hardy plant, late and perfect bloomer, and produces berries of uniform size in great abundance, of good quality.

Price, all varieties, *prepaid*, 25 cts. per doz.; $1.25 per 100. By express (*not prepaid*), 20 cts. per doz.; $1.00 per 100.

RASPBERRIES.

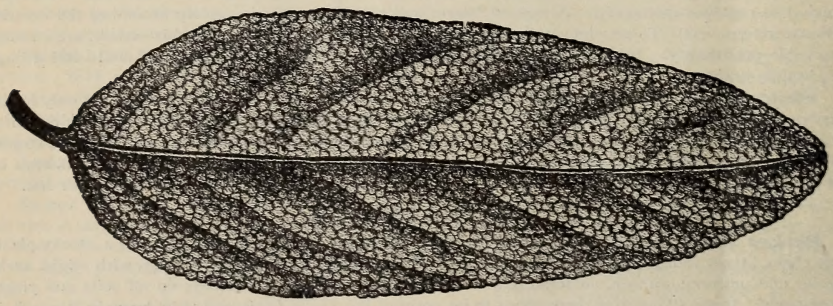
Cuthbert. The leading late market variety and best red Raspberry in cultivation. No other of its class has proved of such general adaptability, and it is grown successfully in nearly all parts of the United States and Canada. The canes are hardy and of strong, rampant growth, with large, healthy foliage, and exceedingly productive. Berries large, crimson, quite firm and of good flavor. This variety is more largely grown than all other red Raspberries combined. Season late. Price 75 cts. per doz.

Lovett (black). It could with propriety have been named "Lovett's Thornless," being practically destitute of thorns. Unlike the "Gregg," which it nearly equals in size of berries, it is of ironclad hardiness, and is the strongest in growth of cane of any. In enormous yield it is without an equal. Add to these properties superior quality (it is the finest in quality of all black Raspberries), jet black color, firmness and long life after gathered, adhering to the bush when ripe, and above all, its earliness, and we have in it what has so long been wanted, and a most valuable fruit. Distinct from all other sorts. Price 75 cts. per doz.

BLACKBERRIES.

Lovett's Best. "Lovett's Best" has proved itself worthy of heading the list of Blackberries. It has now been fruited in all parts of the country—North, South, East and West—and this is the universal verdict of fruit growers and horticulturists. It is a thoroughly reliable Blackberry of large size, with a cane of ironclad hardiness, and unites not only these two invaluable properties in an eminent degree, but possesses in addition the merits of ripening early, great productiveness, entire freedom from disease and double or rose blossom, strong, vigorous growth of cane, extra high quality, jet black permanent color and fine appearance. It ripens early and continues to bear until the close of the season. We pronounce it the best Blackberry for the fruit grower and the best for the family garden. The past severe winter it was the only variety producing large fruit that was not badly injured in cane. Price 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.; 75 cts. per doz.

VEGETABLE PLANTS AND ROOTS.



Holt's Mammoth Sage. Plant of strong growth on rich ground, often attaining a diameter of three feet the first season; leaves, which are of immense size, are borne on strong stems; in quality, it is of unusual substance and of strong flavor. Give it rich, good culture, and you will be astonished at the large quantity of superior Sage which can be cut from a single plant. It rarely flowers, and has never seeded in our climate. No seed to offer. (See cut.) Price, plants, 10 cts.; three for 25 cts.

Tomato Plants, *Dwarf Champion, Perfection, Aristocrat, Matchless, Yellow Plum and Imperial.* Price, pot plants, 6 cts.; 60 cts. per doz.; hot-bed plants, 45 cts. per doz.

Pepper Plants. Price 3 cts.; 30 cts. per doz.

Cauliflower Plants, *Early Snowball.* Price, doz., 20 cts.; 100, $1.50.

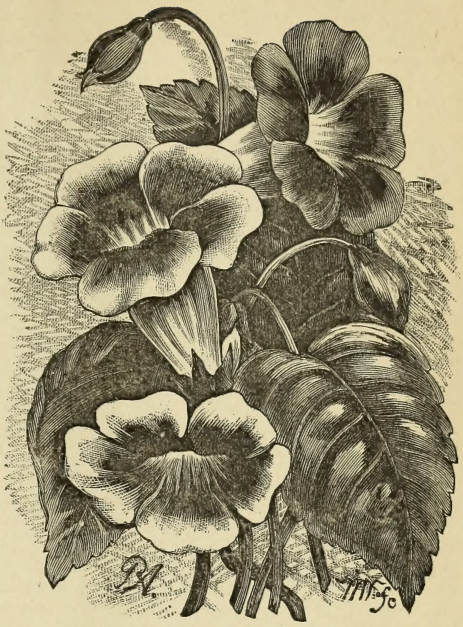
Celery, *White Plume, Golden Self-Bleaching, Boston Market, Giant Pascal.* Transplanted plants. Price, doz., 15 cts.; 100, 75 cts.

Asparagus Roots, *Conover's Colossal.* Fine 2-year roots. Price, 100, $1.00, by express only.

Cabbage Plants. Early plants before June 10. Price, doz., 15 cts.; 100, $1.00.

Cabbage Plants. *Fottler's, Stone Mason, Winningstadt, Premium Flat Dutch, All-Head, Savoy.* Field grown after June 15. Price, doz., 10 cts.; 100, 40 cts.; 1,000, $2.00.

GLOXINIA.



Crassifolia. A charming class of summer-blooming bulbs, which succeed with ordinary care. They should be grown in a moderately shady place, as the sun burns the foliage when wet, making brown spots appear. They are easily grown, and bloom constantly until autumn, when they should be allowed to die down and the pots kept dry in some warm place until spring, when the bulbs can be started into growth again. Any good soil will grow them, but will do best in compost of one-half good loam, balance equal parts old manure and leaf mold. In potting, allow top of bulb to stand just above the soil — water but little until growth commences. Our bulbs this season are fine and large, and in a mixture of the grandest colors; all in the "Crassifolia" varieties, which is the strongest growing strain known. (See cut.) Price, large, strong bulbs, 20 cts.; 3 for 50 cts.

NOTE.—There are so many colors and combinations of shades in this mixture, that buyers of several bulbs will be unlikely to have any duplicates.

CHINESE LANTERN PLANT.

Physalis Francheti (or Chinese Lantern Plant). A new giant Winter Cherry, from Japan, producing fruits twice as large as those of the old Winter Cherry. The most striking feature is the brilliant seed-pods, which are over two inches in diameter, and of a charming brilliant orange-vermilion tint, and enclose a cherry-like fruit of the same color. The fruit is edible, and specially recommended as a preserve. The intense color of the seed-pods makes the plant very valuable for all sorts of autumn and winter decorations, and when wanted for this purpose should be grown in pots. When grown in garden it makes fine display in fall. Said to be a hardy perennial, but we cannot vouch for it as it is new to us. This plant will be boomed in several catalogues under the name of "Chinese Lantern;" its true name is "Physalis Francheti." (See cut.) Price, seed, 15 cts. Plants ready in April, price 15 cts.

Floral Department

We would call the attention of our patrons to our present facilities for furnishing seasonable choice flowers at all times. We also furnish and execute in the most modern and artistic manner, all kinds of designs, Table, House or Church Decorations, for any desired purpose. With our large and varied stock of flowers, competent artists and long experience, we can confidently place our work in competition with the best in the land. All orders intrusted to us will be executed promptly, in latest styles, and at reasonable prices. We solicit trial orders from parties living not over eighteen hours' distant by rail. Address,

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